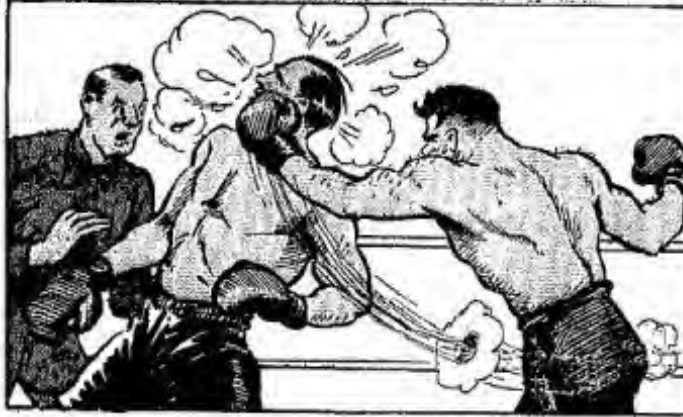


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AS SHARKEY
TURNED TO
COMPLAIN OF
A FOUL, HE
DROPPED HIS
GUARD AND
DEMPSEY, NOT
WAITING FOR
THE REFEREE'S
INTERVENTION,
SENT A LEFT
HOOK TO THE
JAW---



IT WAS
CURTAINS--
SHARKEY
BRAVELY
TRIED TO
RISE BUT
IN VAIN.



HE WAS FOULED.
I SAW IT.

YOU'RE GOOFY.
IT WAS CLEAN
AS A WHISTLE.

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WHERE YOUSE
GOIN'?

I'M TAKIN' RENEE' LA
PRITIE TO TH' DOG
RACES.



I'LL GO WITH
YOUSE.

OH WELL OKAY, THEN
YOU KIN GO HOME T' BED
AFTER. WE'RE GOIN'
NIGHT CLUBBIN'.



YOU TWO SIT HERE. I'M GONNA
MAKE SOME
BETS.

BET FOR
ME TOO--
DUCKY?



GO ON! GO ON!--
STEP ON
IT!!

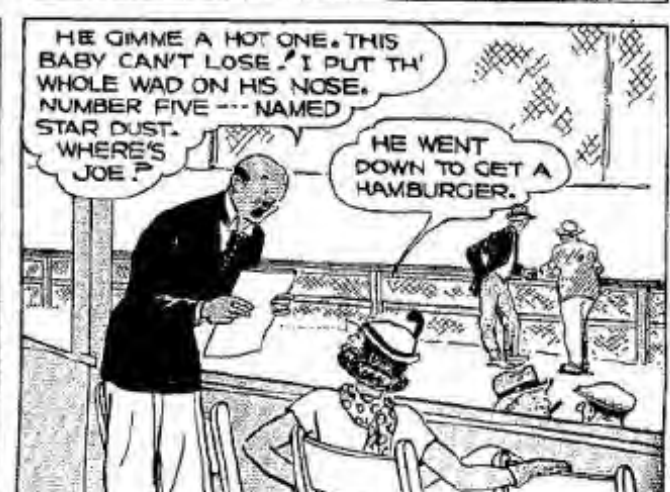
OH DEAR--
WE WON'T EVEN
WIN THIRD
PLACE.



THAT'S TH'
FIFTH RACE
WE'VE LOST.
BAH!
AND ONLY ONE
MORE
RACE.

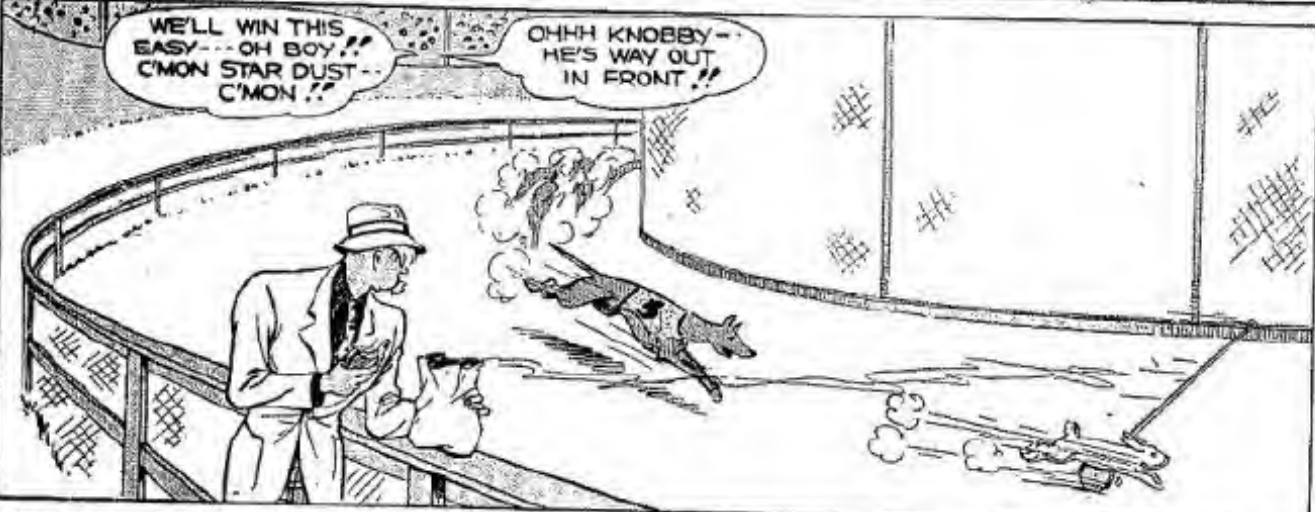
YOU'D BETTER
ASK BIG BILL
Dwyer FOR A
TIP. HE'S
RIGHT DOWN
THERE.

WILL YOUSE PLEASE
ESCUSE ME?



HE GIMME A HOT ONE. THIS
BABY CAN'T LOSE. I PUT TH'
WHOLE WAD ON HIS NOSE.
NUMBER FIVE--NAMED
STAR DUST.
WHERE'S JOE?

HE WENT
DOWN TO GET A
HAMBURGER.



WE'LL WIN THIS
EASY--OH BOY!!
C'MON STAR DUST--
C'MON!!

OH-HH KNOBBY--
HE'S WAY OUT
IN FRONT!!



SHIFF
SHIFF



GIT OFF--HEY!!
LEGGO MY HAMBURGERS--
OH AWRIGHT---



NICE PLACE
TO BRING
A LADY.
HMPFF.

BUT LISSON
TOOTS, ON
ACCOUNT OF THIS
DARN SAP--I LOST
ALL MY
DOUGH!

HERE'S YOUR MONEY
MISTER
WILL I
DON'T BLAME
THEM DOGS.
THEY NEVER
LET 'EM GIT
THE RABBIT
ANY--
HOW.



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SHARKEY WENT ON TO KAYO DELANEY, DE KUH, HEENEY, RIKKO, LOUGHRAN, CHRISTENER, PHIL SCOTT, AND THEN HE AND SCHMELLING WERE CHOSEN TO FIGHT FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP VACATED BY TUNNEY.



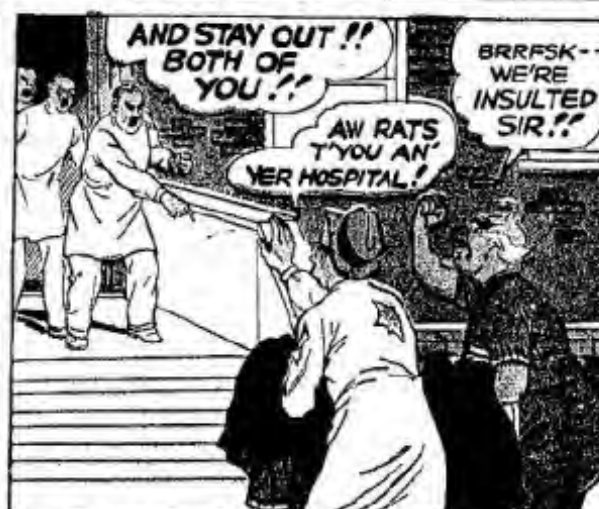
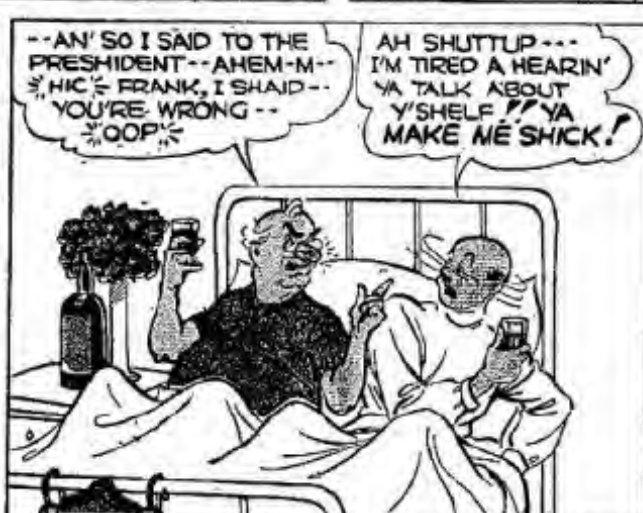
SHARKEY MADE THE MISTAKE OF ENTERING THE RING WRAPPED IN AN AMERICAN FLAG, AND WAS BOOED WITH THE BATTLE IN HIS FAVOR ALL THE WAY, SHARKEY LOST, WHEN SCHMELLING CLAIMED A FOUL IN THE FOURTH.

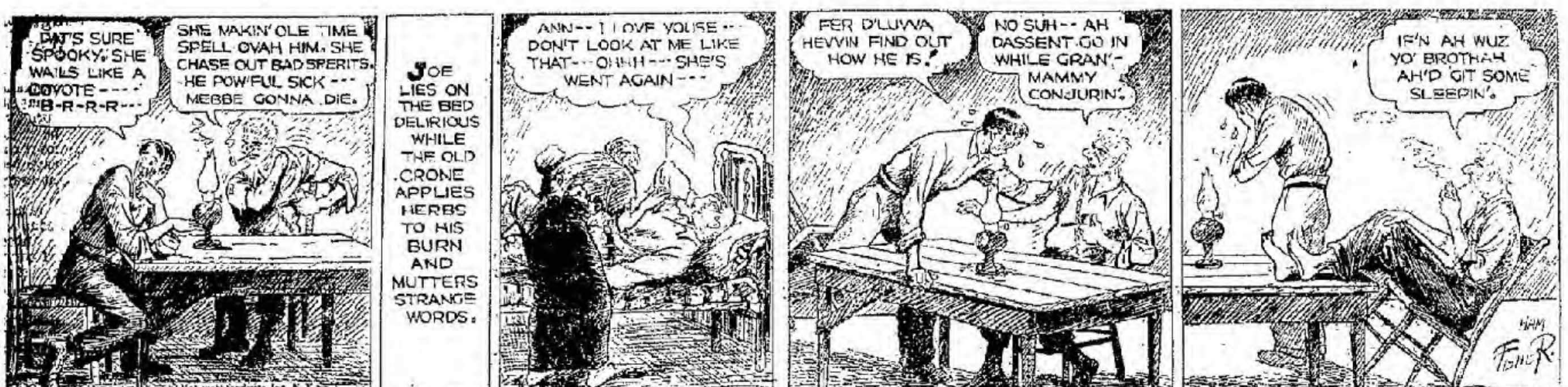


SCHMELLING ACQUIRED THE TITLE, BUT TO THIS SPECTATOR TWO FEET AWAY FROM THE RING, IT WAS A 'CHEESE' DECISION.

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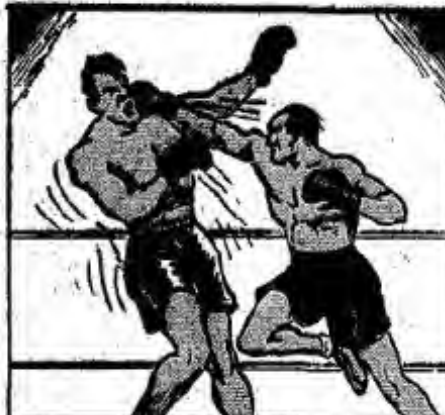




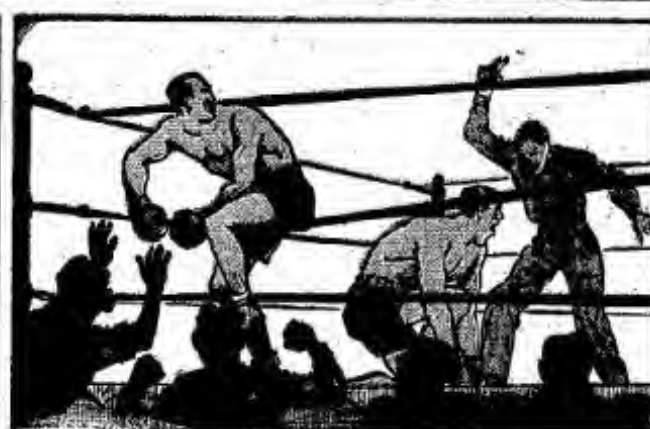
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SHARKEY EASILY WON FROM PRIMO CARNERA IN THEIR FIRST FIGHT. ONCE HE DROPPED "PREHENSILE PREEM" AND THEN TRIED TO LEAP OUT OF THE RING IN A FIT OF TEMPERAMENT. BECAUSE OF THE REFEREE'S MISTAKE.



HE WAS ROUNDLY BOOED, BUT HE WAS IN THE RIGHT. THE COUNT WAS STARTED AND CARNERA GOT OFF HIS KNEES TO RESUME FIGHTING, CHANGED HIS MIND AND DROPPED AGAIN. THE REFEREE CONTINUED THE COUNT. JACK WAS RESTRAINED AND THE FIGHT RESUMED. SHARKEY HANDLED CARNERA REMARKABLY EASY.



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THE ENTIRE WORLD BREATHLESSLY AWAITS WORD OF THE MISSING JOE, POLICE, FEDERAL MEN, NEWS-PAPERS, AND A SCORE OF OTHER AGENCIES VAINLY SEEK SOME CLUE. HE MAY AS WELL HAVE VANISHED OFF THE FACE OF THE EARTH.

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WE'VE CHECKED STEAMER SAILINGS, TRAINS AND AIRPORTS SIR.

HE SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED. HIS FACE IS KNOWN TO EVERYONE.

TH' HOUN'S COULDN'T EVEN GIT A TINY SCENT.

IF HE WENT INTO THEM EVAHGLADES WE'LL PROBABLY NEVAH FIND 'IM.

A-ANY REPORTS AT ALL MISTA W-WALSH?

UH-UH. NOTHIN' SMOKEY. TELL MISS HOWE WILL YA? I CAN'T.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU CAN DO MRS. PALOOKA. YOU'D BETTER GO BACK HOME WITH THE FAMILY.

OH MY JOSIPH--MY LITTUL JOSIPH--

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LOOK! SHE'S COMIN' OUT!!

WHAT DOES SHE SAY? I DON'T UNDERSTAND 'ER.

SHE SAY, HE AWRIGHT NAOW. GONNA GIT WELL. SHE GOT POW'FUL MAGIC.

HEAH SON--TAKE A SWIG O' THIS MULE AN' GIT YO'SEF SOME SLEEP.

WHERE AM I? WHERE'S ANN? SHE WAS HERE--I SEEN 'ER.

YER WIT' PALS KID. YER GONNA BE OKAY.

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MY HEAD FEELS AWFIL--

IT'LL BE BETTER. YA ALMOST KICKED OFF. DE OLD LADY BROUGHT 'CHA TRU.

OH--I WISH I HAD KICKED OFF.

C'MON NOW KID--EV'RYTHIN'S GONNA BE JAKE. JEEPERS LOOK AT ME. I AINT GOT MUCH T'BRAG ABOUT--

---BUT I'M HOPIN' FER D'BREAKS. C'MON, BRACE UP. YOU AN' ME, WE'LL GIT ALONG--

I-I'LL TRY.

MANY DAYS HAVE PASSED. JOE'S FEVER HAS ABATED, BUT HE IS DEPRESSED AND SICK AT HEART.

1-23

HE DON'T EAT NOTHIN'.

I'M SURE WORRIED ABOUT DE KID, BUT I TINK I KNOW WHAT'S DE MATTER.

A ROAD CUY CAN'T STAY IN ONE PLACE. HE PROBABLY T'UGHT HE'D HAF TA STICK AROUND FER A LONG WHILE.

MEBBE YO' RIGHT.

--AN' WE'LL BUM OUR WAY TOGETHER ALWEEZ HEADIN' FER DE SUNRISE. WHY ONLY US KIN DO IT PAL--WE'RE KINGS. C'MON CHEER UP.

WHY DON'T YOUSE JUST FERGET ME AN' GO ALONG RED. I WONT MAKE YOUSE VERY HAPPY. I-YM TOO BLUE.

I'M STICKIN' WIT'CHA KID. YER MY I'ND. I---COUGH---I AINT NEVER KNOWED A FRIEN' LIKE YER--

AWRIGHT RED OLE FELLA. WE'LL GO TOGETHER.

GRAN' MAMMY SEZ YO' HEALED UP SHO' 'NUFF. NO BUGS LEF' IN DE BURN.

I DON'T KNOW HOW--BUT SOME DAY I'LL CERT'NY SHOW YOUSE HOW MUCH I RILLY APPRISHIATE YOUR SWEETNISS.

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WE WISH YO' ALL WUZN'T GOIN' ALONG. WE AINT GOT MUCH. BUT YO' SHO' WELCOME.

I-I GUESS NO KING'S PALLISS EVER LOOKED AS GOOD AS THIS HERE PLACE DOES T'ME.

SAY, WE AINT GOT NO HOME. DIS HERE'S LUXSHURIUS--BUT WE'RE GOIN' PLACES BUDDY.

YO' ALL COULD DO SOME FARMIN' WITH ME. JEST A LEEITL--

NO--THANKS EVER-S'MUCH. I GUESS WE BETTER BE AGOIN'.

PO' OLE, GRAN'-MAMMY SHE SAY SHE KINDA FEEL LIKE YO'ALL IS GRAN'-CHILLUN LIKE ME---

GOD BLESS'ER--I'LL GO IN AN' TRY AN' SAY G'BYE TO HER--AN' EXPLAIN--

FISHER'S HISTORY OF BOXING

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IN 1932 SHARKEY AGAIN FOUGHT SCHWELING, AND WON THE TITLE ON POINTS IN 15 ROUNDS. ALWAYS A CLEAN LIVER, JACK SPENT MOST OF HIS TIME BETWEEN FIGHTS AT HIS PALATIAL ESTATE IN BOSTON WITH HIS WIFE AND KIDDIES.

WHO YOU FIGHTING NEXT CHAMP?



AW GO CHASE Y'SELF, CANTCHA SEE I'M BUSY?

SAY CHAMP, LISTEN. CAN YOU HEAR THAT MOOSE BAWLIN' ACROSS THE LAKE?



YEAH... SOUNDS LIKE A FIGHT ANNOUNCER.

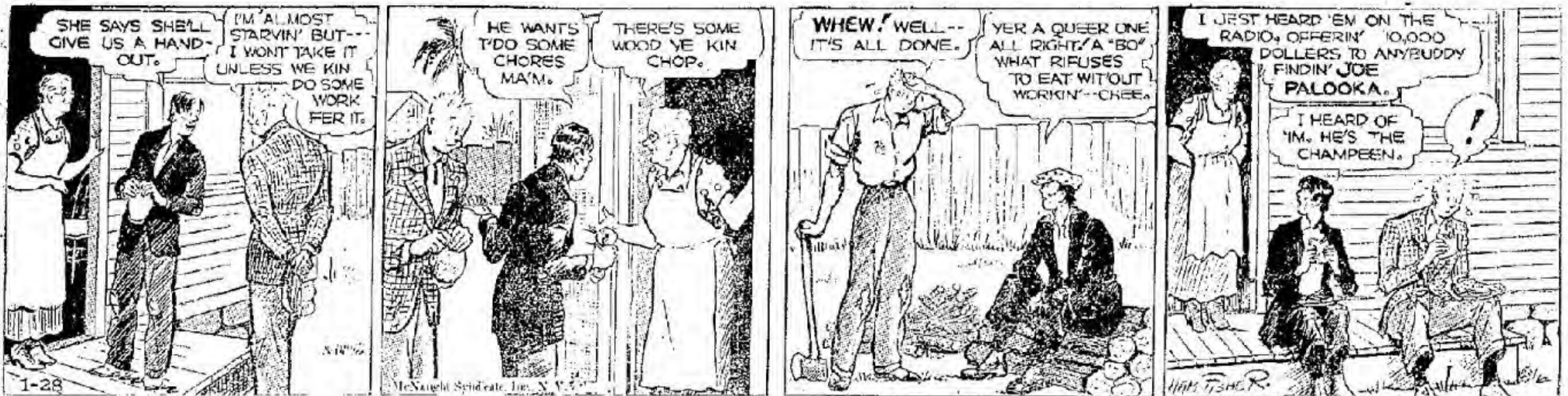
HUNTING AND FISHING KEPT THE CHAMP IN EXCELLENT CONDITION, AND THEN IN 1933, JACK WAS ORDERED TO DEFEND HIS TITLE AGAINST PRIMO CARNERA WHO WAS "SOMEHOW" PICKED AS THE LOGICAL CONTENDER.

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SHARKEY THE CHAMPION MET CARNERA AGAIN, IN THEIR PREVIOUS BATTLE SHARKEY HAD WON AN EASY, DECISIVE VICTORY. THIS TIME HOWEVER IT WAS FOR THE TITLE. THE GREAT CROWD AT EBBET'S FIELD SAW SHARKEY OUT-POINT THE DEEN FOR FIVE ROUNDS.

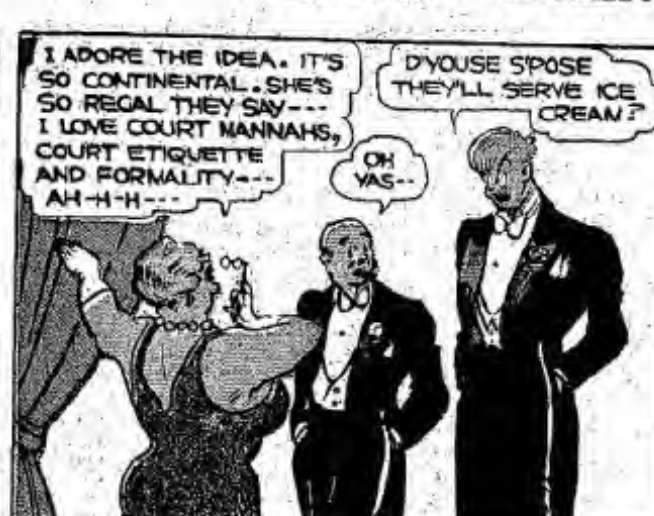
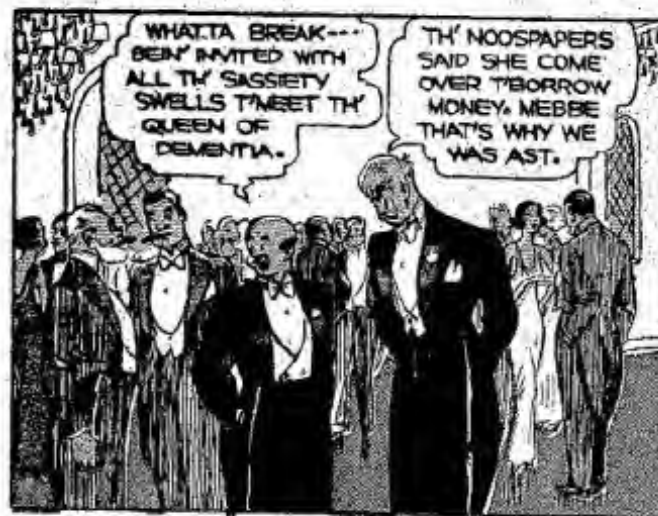


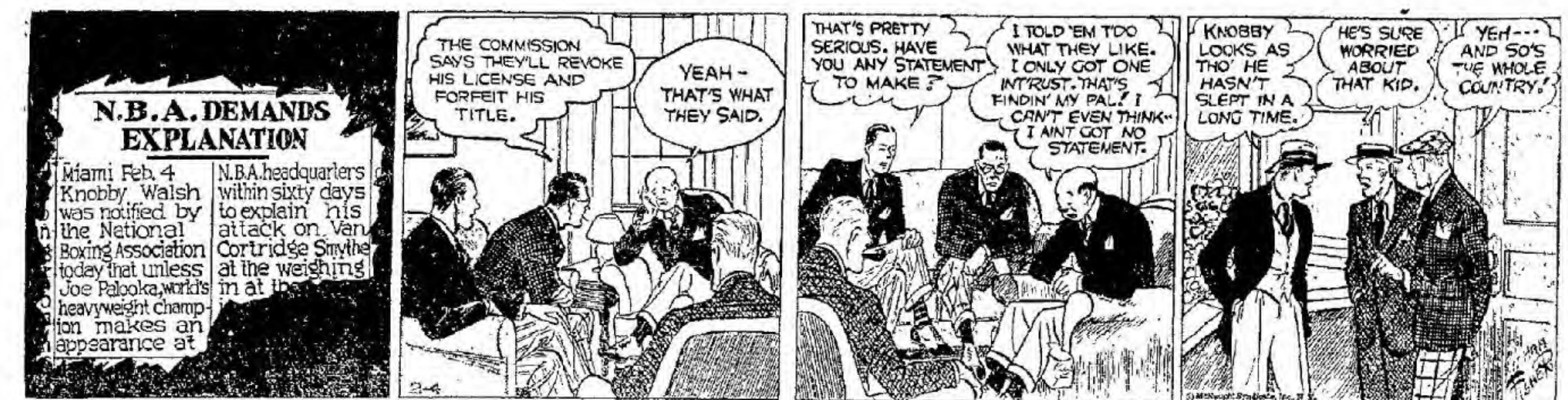
IN THE SIXTH, A CASE OF ASTONISHMENT WENT UP FROM THE CROWD AS SHARKEY WENT TO THE CANVAS FOR THE COUNT. CARNERA, WHO HAD ALWAYS BEEN REGARDED AS A CREAM PUFF PUNCHER, STOOD BEWILDERED, AS HE GAZED AT THE PROSTRATE FORM OF THE CHAMPION.

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ON OCTOBER 25TH 1906 THERE OCCURRED IN SEQUALS, PROVINCE OF UDINE, ITALY AN EVENT OF GREAT IMPORTANCE. NOT AN EARTHQUAKE, NOR A VOLCANIC ERUPTION, NOR EVEN A TIDAL WAVE, BUT THAT WHICH WAS ONE DAY TO PUT SEQUALS ON THE MAP.



BECAUSE IN THE MODEST HOME OF SIGNOR SANTE CARNERA WAS BORN A HEALTHY, YOWLING BAMBINO WHOM THE MAMA GIOVANNA, NAMED "PRIMO" OR (THE FIRST).

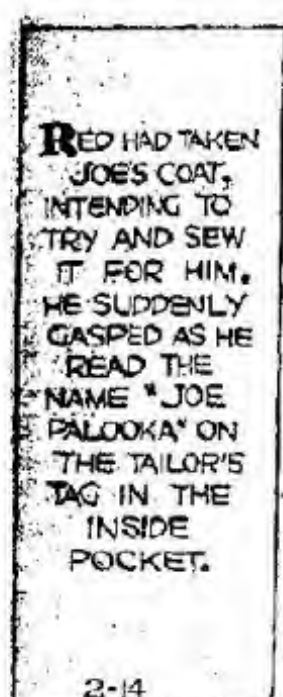
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CONTINUED
SOCIETY NOTES
SOCIETY WAS DEEPLY HONORED TONIGHT BY HER MAJESTY QUEEN MARGARET OF DEMENTIA. WHEN SHE APPEARED IN ALL HER REGAL SPLENDOR AT A RECEPTION.





FISHER'S HISTORY OF BOXING

ALTHOUGH A NORMAL CHILD AT BIRTH, CARNERA SOON STARTED TO GROW ABNORMALLY. HE WAS VERY AWKWARD AND OFTEN FELL OVER HIS OWN FEET. HE WAS PUT TO WORK IN THE FIELDS AS A BOY OF EIGHT.



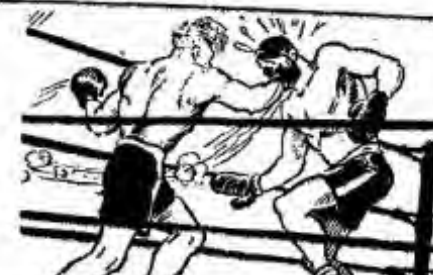
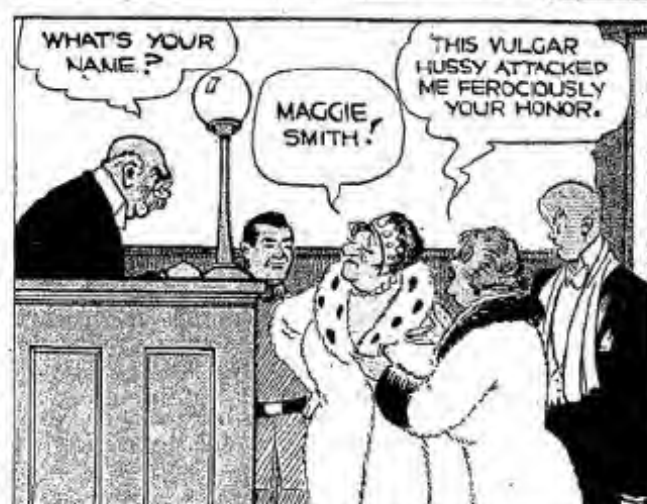
IT WAS 1914 THE WAR HAD BROKEN OUT AND EVEN THE CHILDREN WERE NEEDED. SEQUALS WAS HARD HIT IN 1917 THE GERMANS INVADED IT AND THE VILLAGERS ATE GRASS AND ROOTS. AND PRIMO'S APPETITE WAS BETTER THAN THAT OF A HORSE.

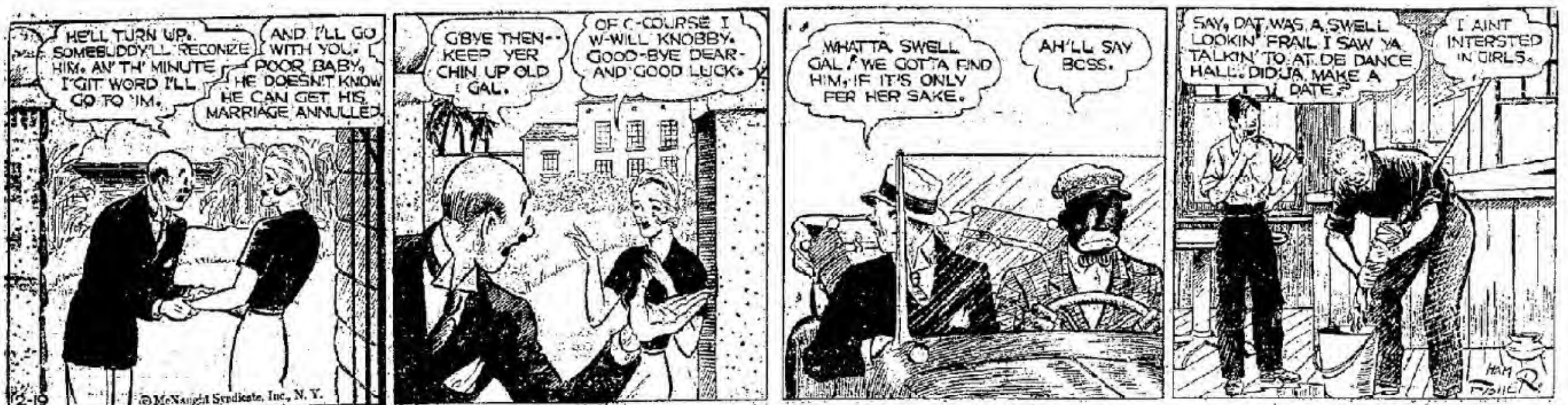
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Continued
JOE AND QUEEN MARGARET ARE STILL DOING THE TOWN. IT'S NOW FIVE A. M.





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PRIMO AT 12
COULD NOT READ
NOR WRITE. HE
HAD NO
SCHOOLING AND
COULD NOT EVEN
SPEAK ITALIAN
AS THE PEOPLE
OF SEAGALS
SPOKE A LOCAL
PATOIS. ONE DAY
HE MET A LABORER
WHO WAS
JOURNEYING TO
FRANCE.

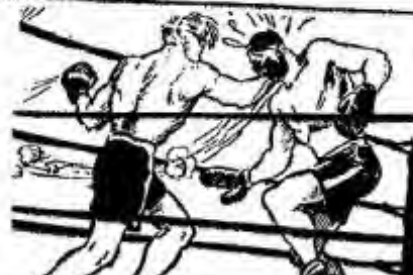
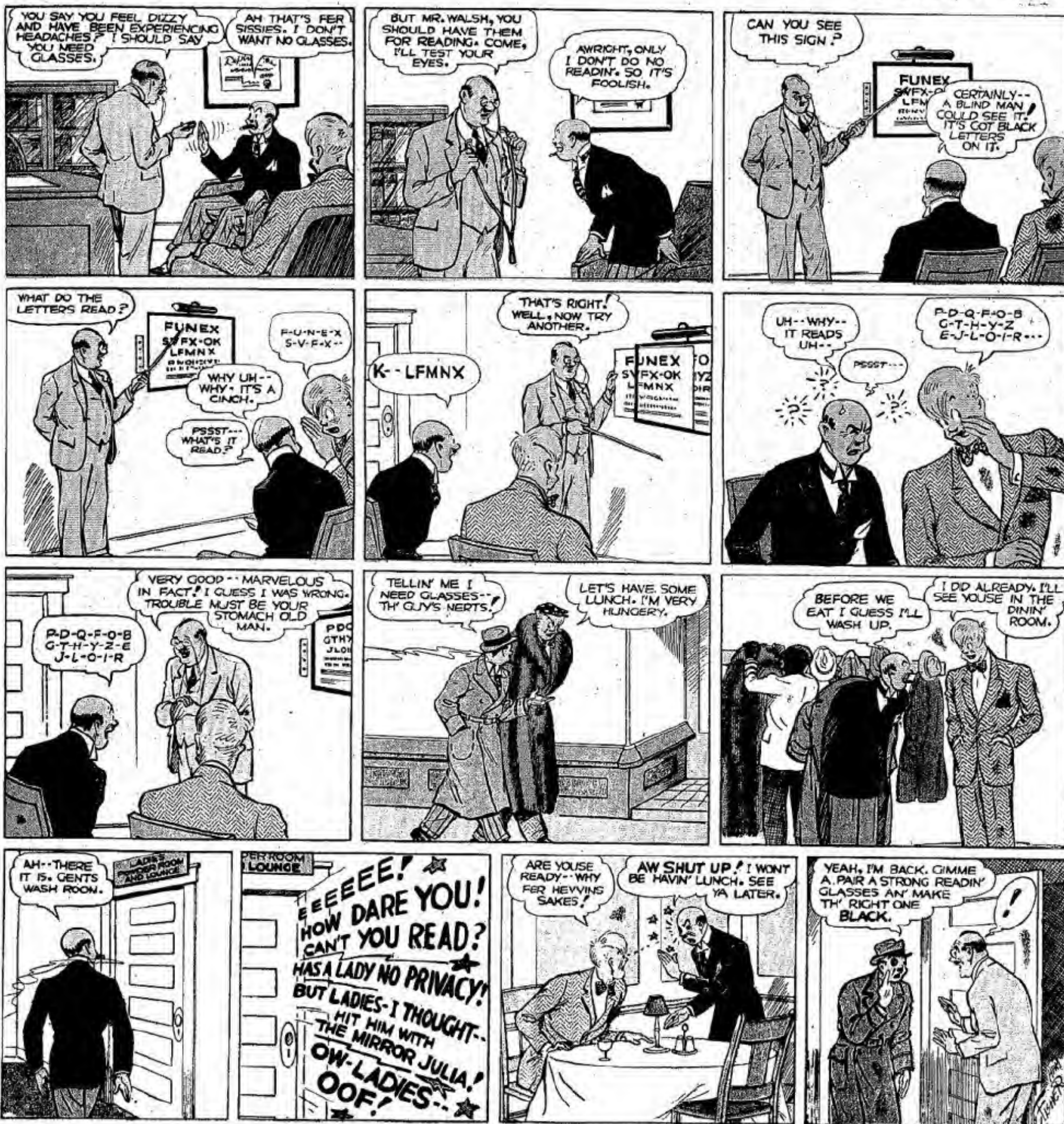


PRIMO DECIDED TO GO
WITH HIM. HIS MOTHER
GAVE HIM HER LAST
CENT AND HIS GRAND-
MOTHER CONTRIBUTED
HER SHOES AS SHE
HAD THE LARGEST
FEET IN THE VILLAGE.
ARRIVING IN FRANCE
HE WORKED FOR A
COUSIN AT 'LE MAN'S'
RECEIVING FOOD AND
LODGING BUT NO PAY
AND STAYED AT THE
JOB FOR 2 YEARS.

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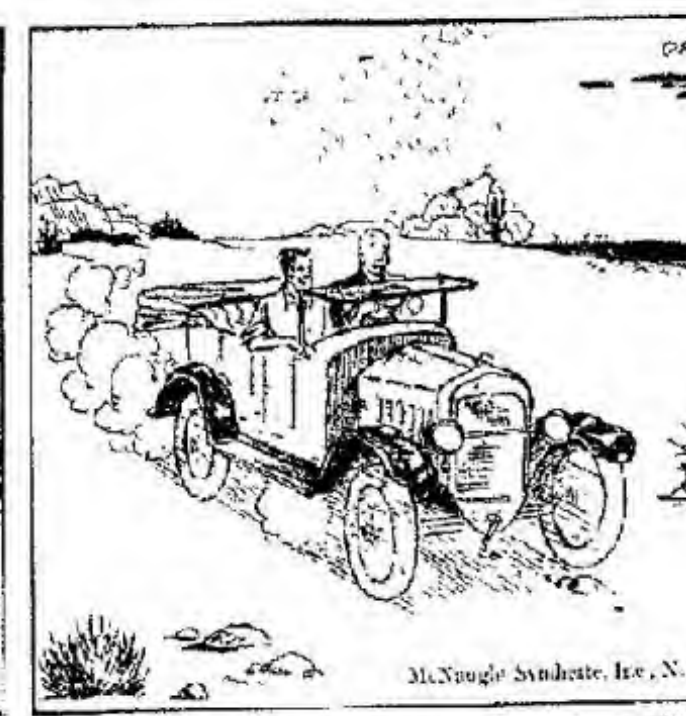
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A NONDESCRIP HOBO HANDS A DIRTY LETTER, OSTENSIBLY WEEKS OLD, TO THE GATE-KEEPER AT THE HOWE ESTATE. IT IS ADDRESSED TO ANN AND BEARS NO POST OFFICE ADDRESS. SHE BREATHLESSLY RECOGNIZES THE HANDWRITING.



FISHER'S HISTORY OF BOXING

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CARNERA WAS A GENTLE AND TIMID LAD. THE FRENCH BOYS MADE SPORT OF HIM AND THE RAGGED HUNGRY KID NEVER KNEW HAPPINESS. ONCE IN A WHILE HE SAW A CINEMA. THIS WAS HIS ONLY JOY.



ONE DAY WHILE LAYING PIPE A MAN APPROACHED THE YOUNG GIANT AND ASKED HIM IF HE WOULD CARE TO FIGHT. THE FOLLOWING NIGHT AT CHATEAUXROUX.

BUT I DON'T WANT TO HURT ANYBODY AND BESIDES I HAVE MY JOB.



BUT THINK OF IT-- I WILL PAY YOU THE MAGNIFICENT SUM OF 25 FRANCS!!

(NOTE)
25
FRANCS
EQUALLED
\$1.00
IN
U. S.
BUCKS.

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HERE'S SOME SUGAR OLE FELLER.



WELL, WELL... THERE HE IS AGAIN. I GUESS THIS HERE'S HIS REGULAR ROUTE. I BETTER KEEP SUGAR IN MY POCKETS FROM NOW ON.



HERE YOU'RE ARE, SOME NICE SUGAR.



AIN'T THAT CUTE, HE KNOWS ME AN' EVEN PUTS HIS FEET UP ON THE CURB T'MEET ME.



OH DEAR... I FERGOT THE SUGAR...



I WONDER IF HE'D LIKE THESE PEPPERMINT LOZENGERS?



GEE, HE ATE 'EM. I'LL BET YOU'D RATHER HAVE SUGAR THO' WAIN'T YOU OLE FELLER?



NO... I THINK I PREFER THE LOZENGES.



F-FER HEVINS SAKES!! KIN YOU TALK??

OH YES... ALTHOUGH IT'S ONLY AMONG US HORSES. I NEVER SPOKE TO A HUMAN BEFORE.



W-WHY IT'S MARV'LESS!! GEE WHIZ... I'M GONNA TELL DAN PARKER THE NEWSPAPER MAN. YOU'RE KIN MAKE A FORCHIN.

NO... OH PLEASE DON'T! DON'T TELL A SOUL I CAN TALK. I ONLY TALKED TO YOU BECAUSE YOU ARE DIFFERENT. I TRUSTED YOU!



BUT WHY DON'T YOU WANT PBLICITY? THINK HOW MUCH EASIER YOU'D HAVE THINGS.

OH YEAH?? PLAYING VAUDEVILLE-- FIVE SHOWS A DAY-- HAVING TO POSE WITH SILLY DEBUTANTES-- TRAVELING ALL THE TIME--



--HAVING TO BE GREETED BY SELF SEEKING NOTABLES, EATING INDIGESTIBLE BANQUETS INSTEAD OF GOOD NOURISHING OATS-- I MIGHT EVEN HAVE TO PLAY BRIDGE-- PAY INCOME TAX--

GEE... I GOTTA DO ALL THEM THINGS--



YOU UNDERSTAND, DON'T YOU P PLEASE JOE, DON'T EVER TELL ANYONE-- PLEASE P OH I BEG YOU.

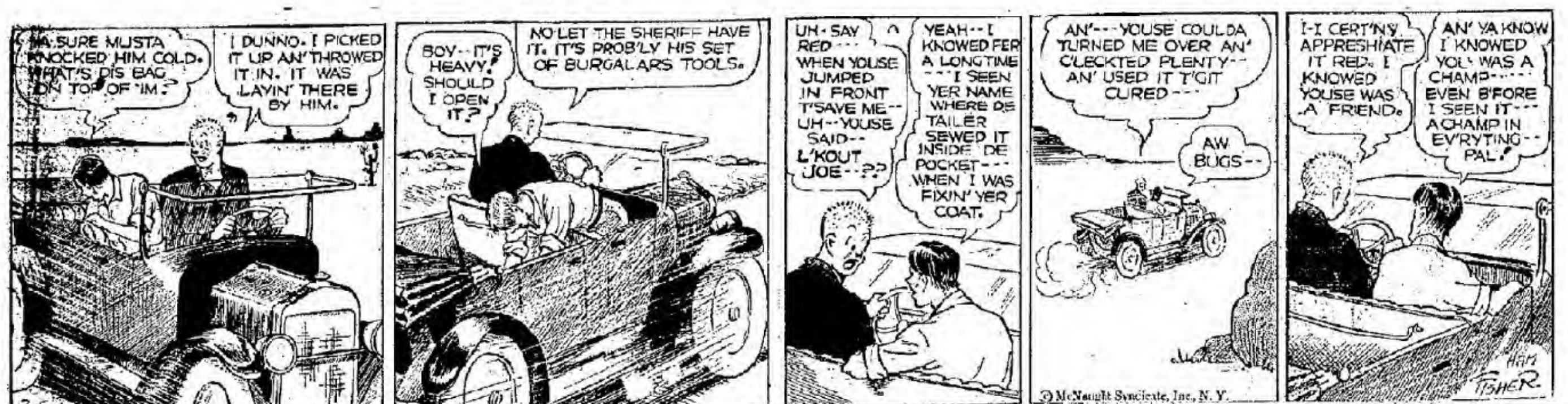
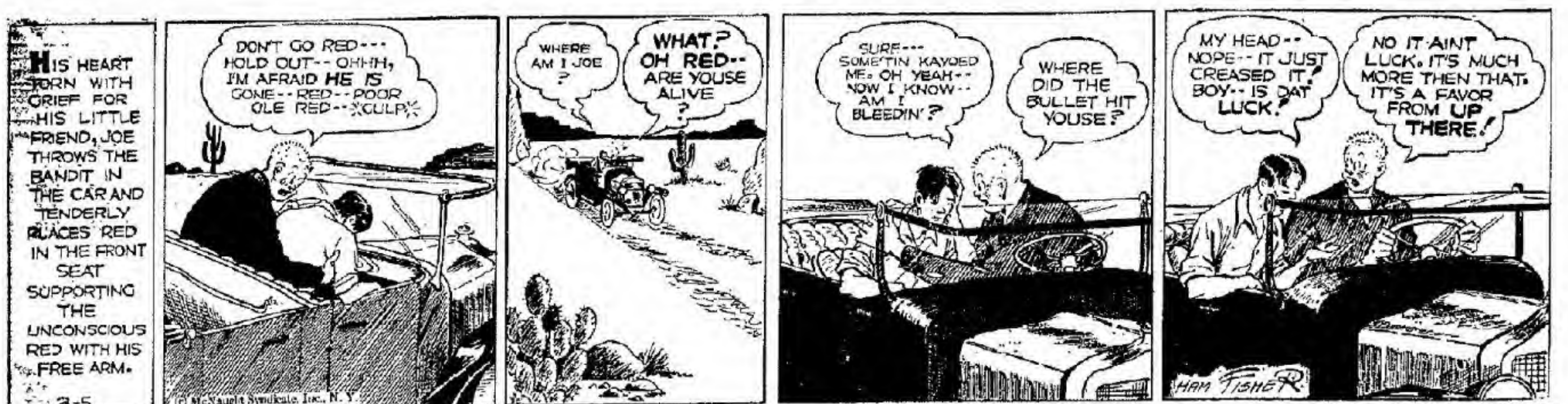
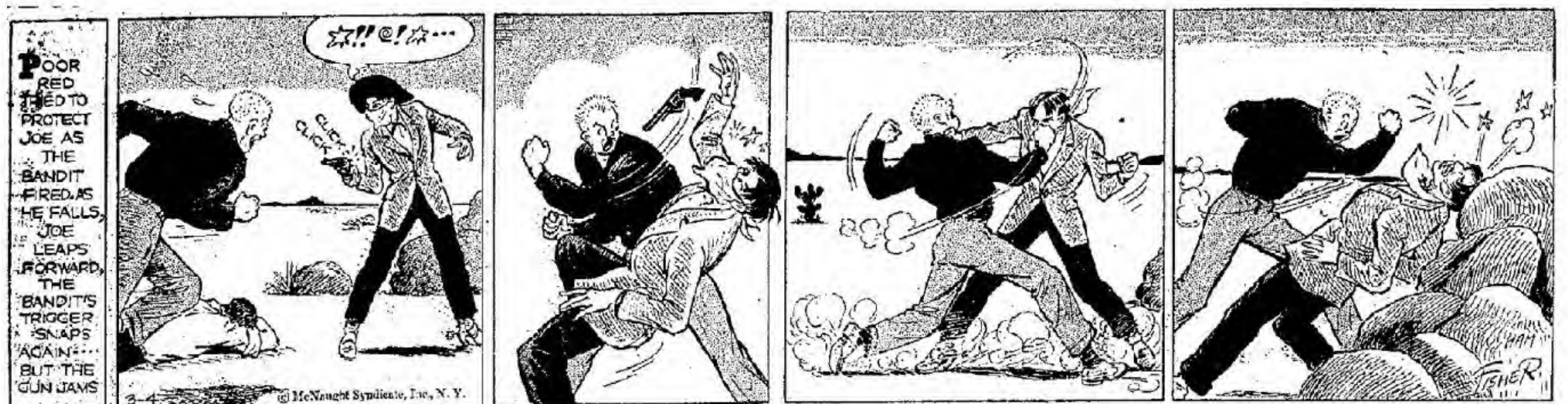
I UNDERSTAN'. I GUESS YOU'RE WISER THAN US HUMAN BEANS.



AN' I PROMISE-- I'LL NEVER TELL A SOUL--

TALKIN' IN HIS SLEEP AGAIN!! I TOLE SMOKEY NOT T'GIVE 'IM THEM FOUR HELPINS OF SHORT CAKE!!





FISHER'S History OF BOXING

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PRIMO'S FIRST
FIGHT WAS FOR
25 FRANCES (\$100)
HE WORE
A PAIR OF
OLD TORN
TROUSERS
AND
WORKING
SHOES.

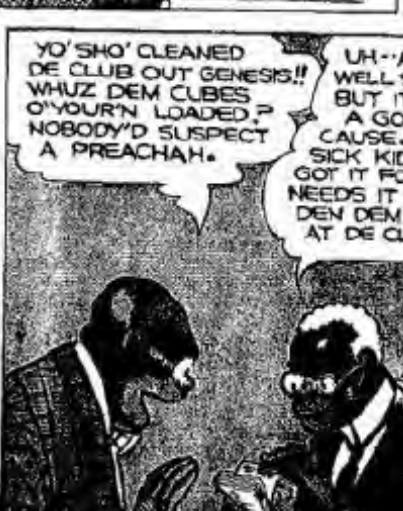


HIS OPPONENT WAS
HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION
OF THE FRENCH NAVY.
THE OVERGROWN KID
TOOK AN AWFUL BEATING
AND IN THE THIRD 'SEGROS'
THE PROMOTOR THREW
IN THE SPONGE. HE
NEVER HIT HIS
OPPONENT.

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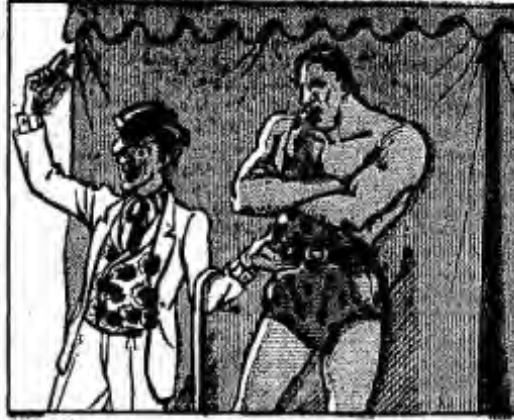




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PRIMO TOURED FRANCE WITH A CARNIVAL. HE WAS BILLED AS THE "TERRIBLE GIOVANNI" -- THE CHAMPION OF EUROPE. HE WRESTLED ALL COMERS, AND PLAYED 15 SHOWS A DAY.



HE COLLAPSED ONE DAY WHILE WRESTLING. THE REASON, LACK OF FOOD. LATER IN BRITANNY THE TROUPE WAS THROWN IN JAIL ON ACCOUNT OF PASSPORT TROUBLE. PRIMO CRIED BITTERLY.



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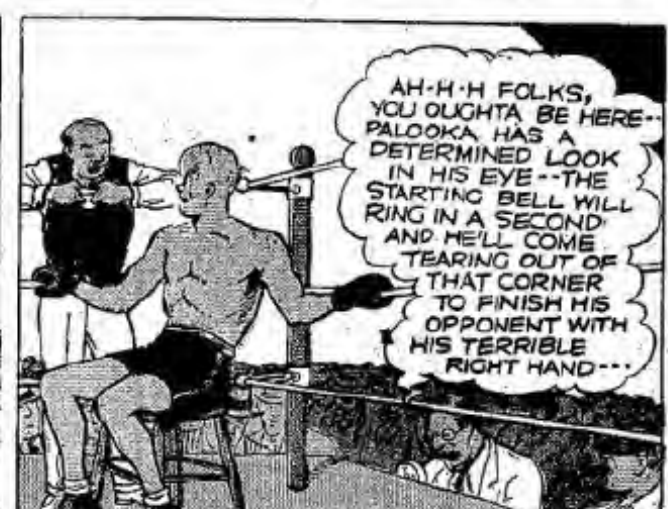
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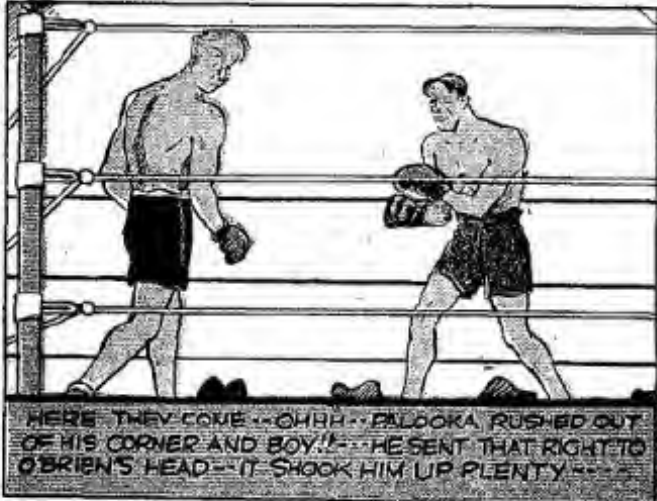
THIS BROADCAST COMES TO YOU THROUGH THE COURTESY OF THE GROBLIFF SUSPENSION BRIDGE COMPANY... MAKERS OF THE WORLD'S BEST BRIDGES... EVERY TOWN SHOULD HAVE ONE...



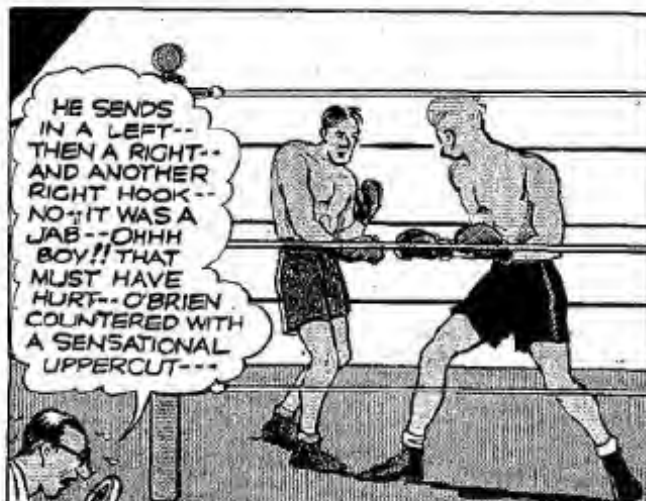
TAKE IT EASY... BOX WITH 'IM. DON'T USE TH' RIGHT HAND 'TILL I GIVE TH' OFFICE. NO USE BUSTIN' IT ON A BUM LIKE THIS IN A NON-TITLE CHEAP MATCH.



AH-H-H FOLKS, YOU OUGHTA BE HERE-- PALOOKA HAS A DETERMINED LOOK IN HIS EYE--THE STARTING BELL WILL RING IN A SECOND-- AND HE'LL COME TEARING OUT OF THAT CORNER TO FINISH HIS OPPONENT WITH HIS TERRIBLE RIGHT HAND...



HERE THEY COME--OH-H-H PALOOKA RUSHED OUT OF HIS CORNER AND BOY!! HE SENT THAT RIGHT TO O'BRIEN'S HEAD--IT SHOOK HIM UP PLENTY...



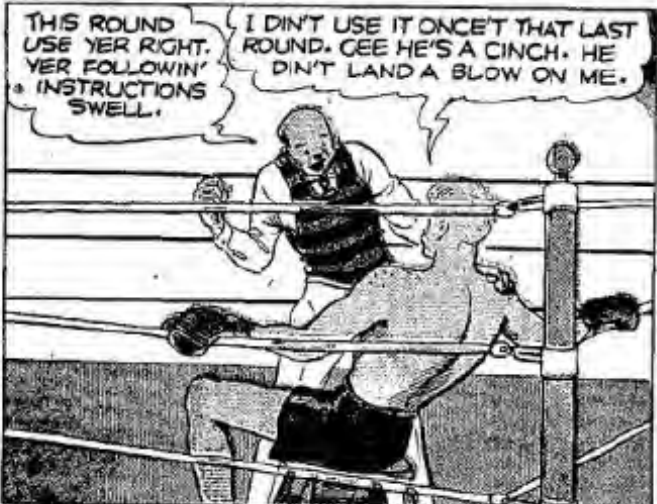
HE SENDS IN A LEFT-- THEN A RIGHT-- AND ANOTHER RIGHT HOOK-- NO--IT WAS A JAB--OH-H-H BOY!! THAT MUST HAVE HURT--O'BRIEN COUNTERED WITH A SENSATIONAL UPPERCUT--



GEE--WHAT A FIGHT THAT MUST BE!!

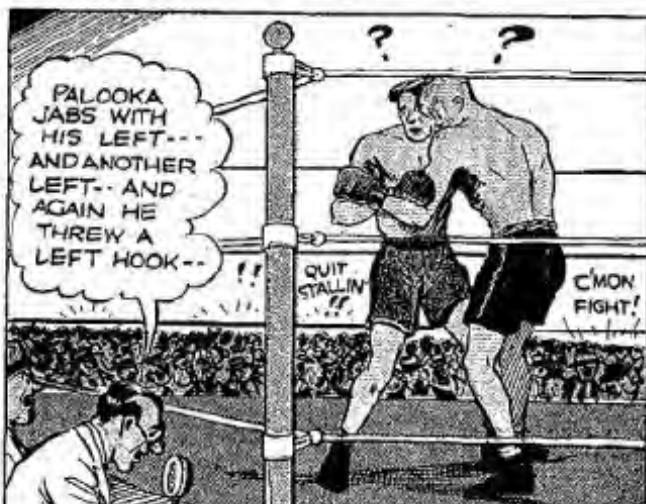
AND I THOUGHT O'BRIEN WAS A PUSHOVER. BOY-- WISH I WAS THERE!!

O'BRIEN CLIPPED THE CHAMP ON THE SOLAR PLEXUS-- HE ALMOST SENT HIM TO HIS KNEES--



THIS ROUND USE YER RIGHT. YER FOLLOWIN' INSTRUCTIONS SWELL.

I DINT USE IT ONCE'T THAT LAST ROUND. GEE HE'S A CINCH. HE DINT LAND A BLOW ON ME.



PALOOKA JABS WITH HIS LEFT-- AND ANOTHER LEFT-- AND AGAIN HE THREW A LEFT HOOK--

QUIT STALLIN'...

C'MON FIGHT!



ESCUSE ME BUT I AINT BEEN USIN' MY LEFT THIS ROUND.

O'BRIEN NEATLY BLOCKED IT-- HE CATCHES PALOOKA WITH A SOLID RIGHT-- PALOOKA IS WEAKENING--



THEY'RE SLUGGING MADLY--OH-H-H BOY!!--WOW! LOOKS LIKE SOMEBODY'S GONNA BE KNOCKED OUT-- WHEW!!



THE JUDGES HAVE UNANIMOUSLY AGREED ON A DRAW.

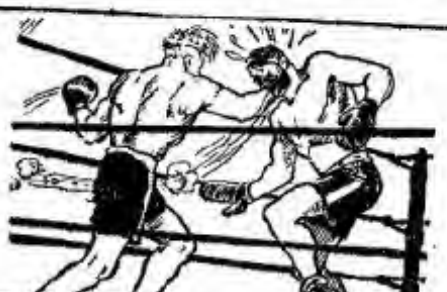
SAY YOU GUYS--AFTER THIS YOU'RE BARRED FROM THIS CLUB! NEITHER ONE OF YA DID ANY PUNCHIN'. YA OUGHTN'T TO GET PAID.

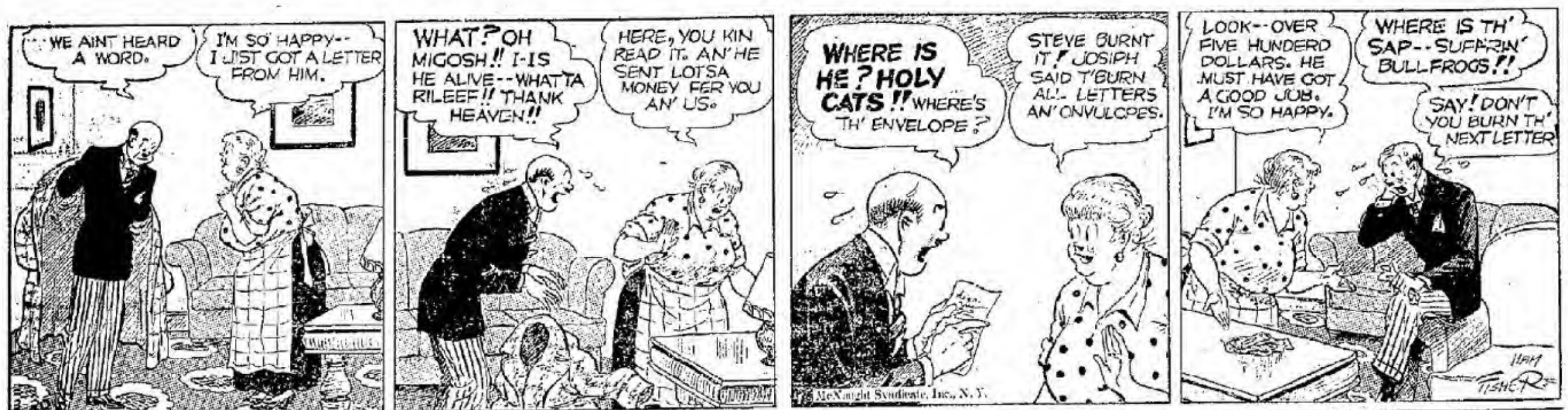


WE WERE SAPS NOT TO HAVE GONE.

WELL IT WAS WORTH HEARIN' THAT MACNAMARA SURE GAVE A GRAND BROADCAST.

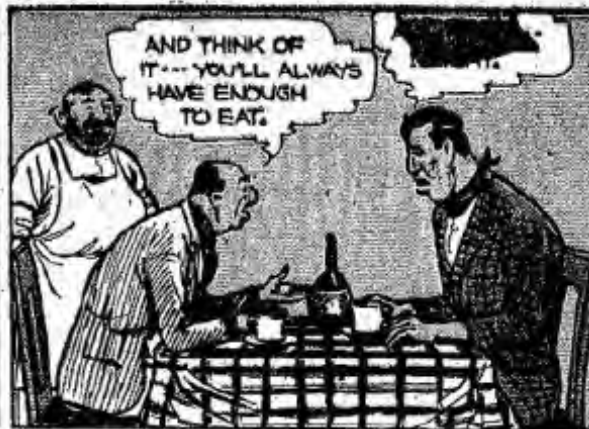
WHATTA BATTLE IT WAS!! BOTH ARE TERRIBLY CUT UP-- WELL GOOD NIGHT FOLKS-- DONT FORGET USE GROBLIFF SUSPENSION BRIDGES





FISHER'S HISTORY OF BOXING

PRIMO MET AN UNUSUAL CHARACTER NAMED LEON SEE. A FRENCHMAN WITH A BACKGROUND OF AN OXFORD DEGREE AND RECOGNITION AS A CRACK AMATEUR BOXER. HE HAD AN UNUSUAL FACILITY FOR JUDGING BOXING TALENT.

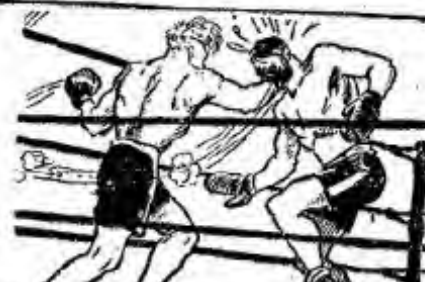
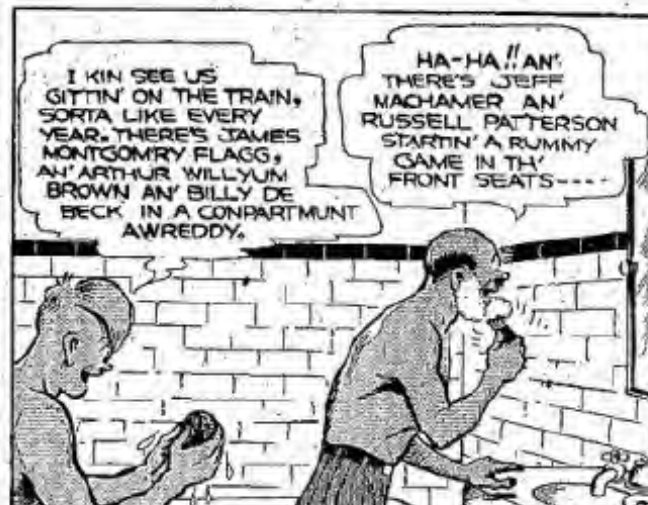


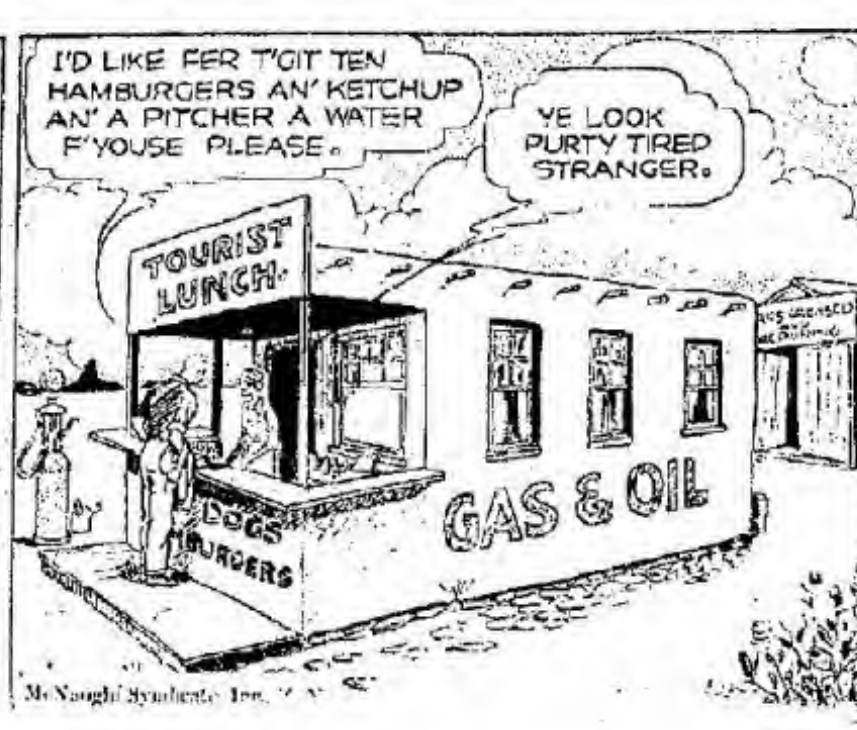
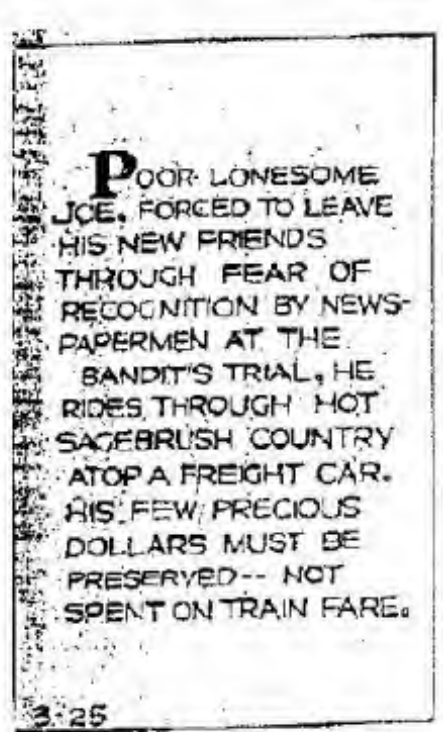
SEE HAD THE IDEA THAT A GREAT FIGHTER COULD BE MANUFACTURED FROM RAW MATERIAL. IN THE YOUNG GIANT PRIMO HE VISUALIZED HIS DREAM COMING TRUE.



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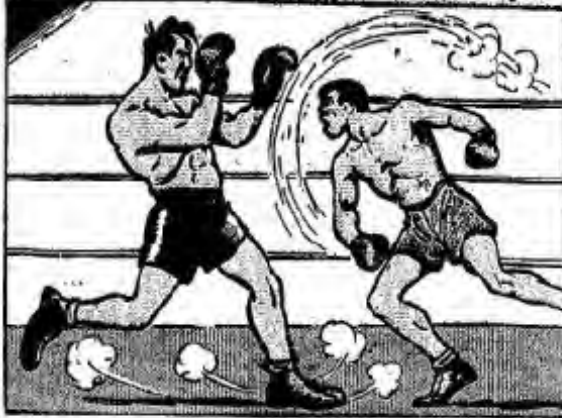




FISHER'S HISTORY OF BOXING

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PRIMO FOUGHT
IN EUROPE FOR A
YEAR UNDER SEE.
HE BECAME
A DEFTY FAIR
BOXER AND
WAS VERY FAST.
ON HIS
FEET FOR SO
LARGE
A MAN.



WALTER
FREDMAN AN
AMERICAN MAN-
AGER WHILE IN
EUROPE SAW
PRIMO FIGHT
AND CONVINCED
LEON SEE AND
HIS "VAST
VENETIAN" THAT
THEY SHOULD
COME TO AMER-
ICA. BILL DUFFY
BECAME THEIR
AMERICAN MANAGER.



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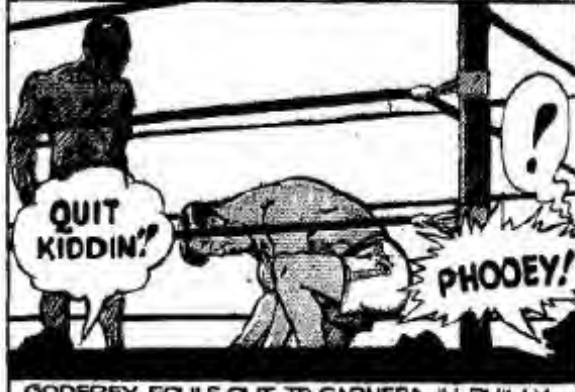




FISHER'S HISTORY OF BOXING

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UPON HIS
ARRIVAL IN THE
U.S., PRIMO WAS
REGARDED AS
A FREAK. REAMS
OF PUBLICITY
WERE GIVEN
HIM. THEN
STARTED
HIS "TANK"
TOUR, AND HOW
THE PUBLIC
TURNED OUT.



GODFREY FOULS OUT TO CARNERA IN PHILLY.

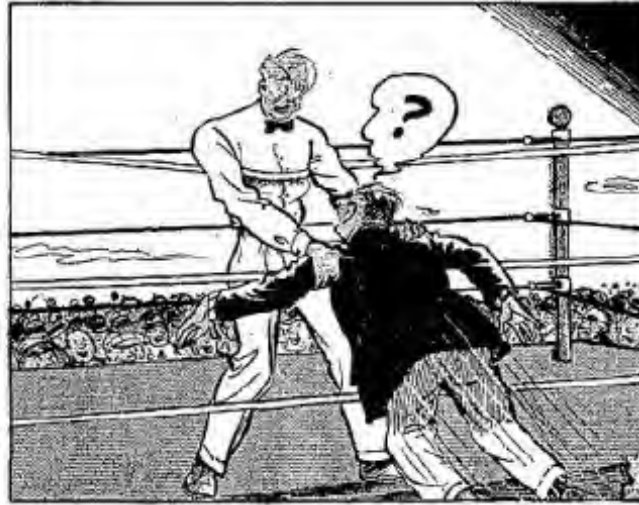
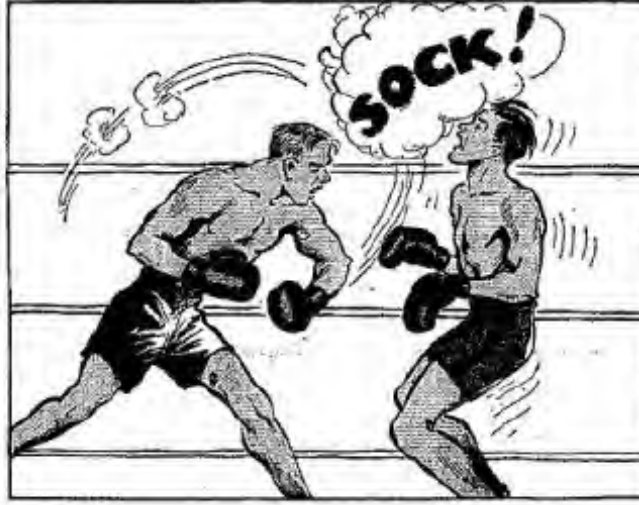
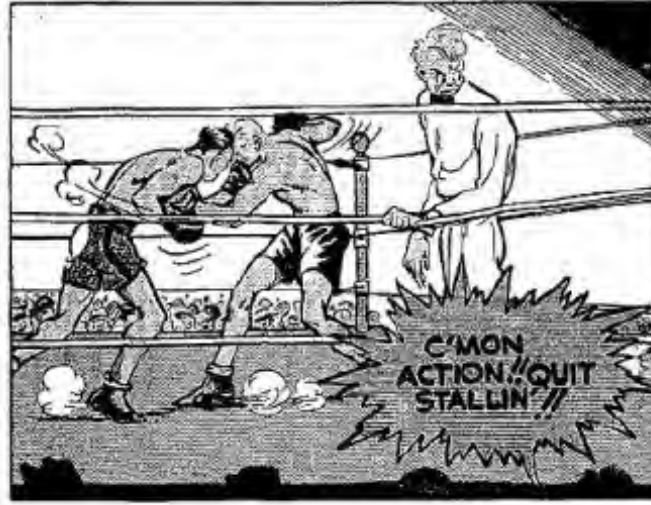
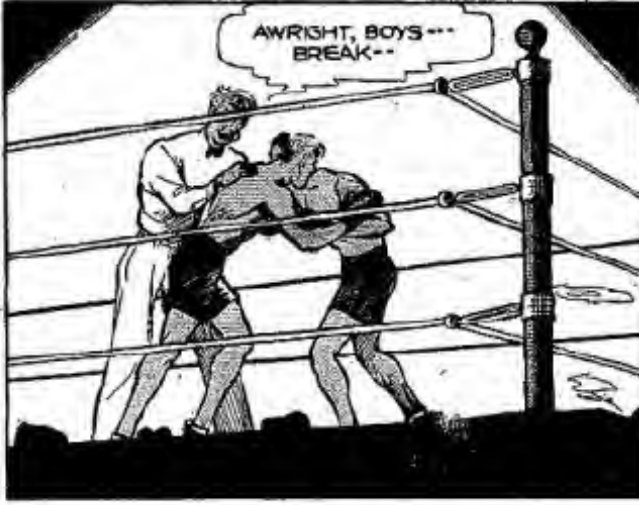
THE LESS
SAID ABOUT THIS
-- THE BETTER.
THE BAD ODOR
OF PRIMO'S
K.O. TOUR WAS
PROBABLY THE
WORST SET BACK
BOXING EVER
ENDURED. CAL-
IFORNIA
SUSPENDED
CARNERA
FOREVER.

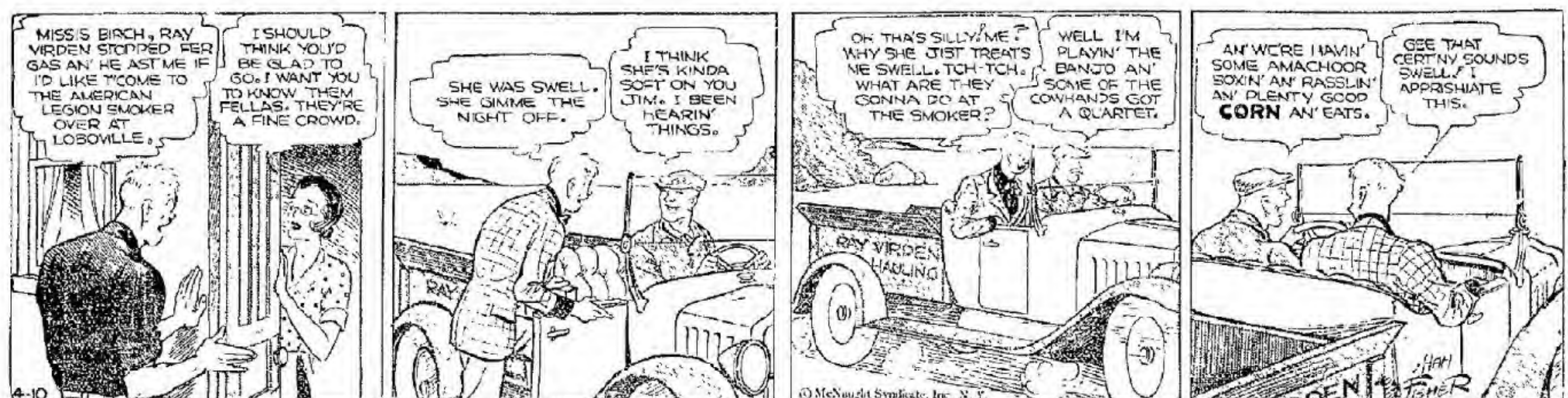


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THE WRITER'S
PERSONAL
OBSERVATION
OF CARNIERA
IS THAT HE HAS
NO DESIRE TO
BE A FIGHTER.
IT WAS HIS SIZE
AND A BREAK
THAT BROUGHT
IT ABOUT. HE'D
RATHER BE AN
ARTIST. AND
HE DRAWS
WELL TOO.

SAY, DREAM,
I WANT TO MAKE
A SKETCH OF
YOU.

OHO, GEEV!
ME PENCEEL--
I DRAW YO!

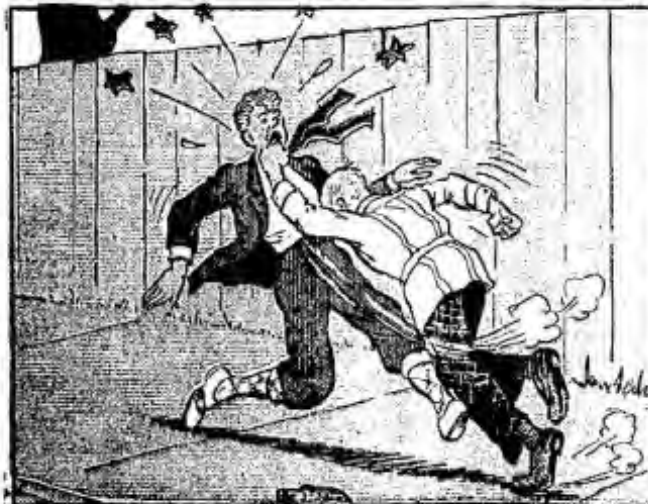
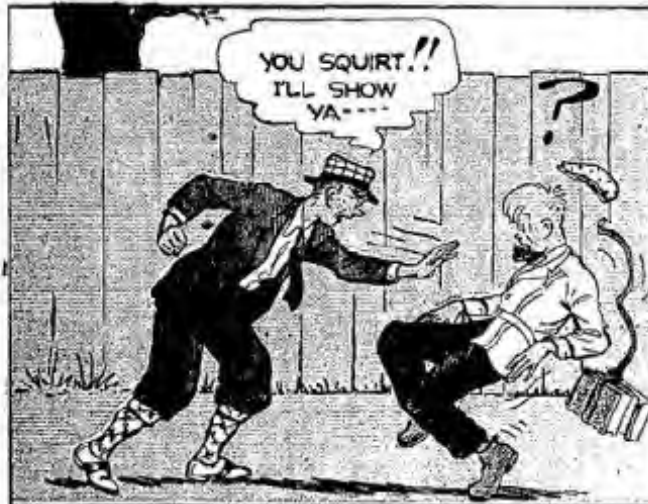
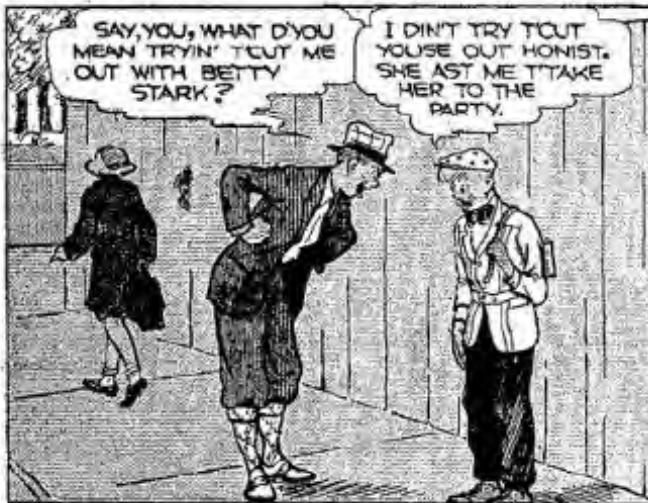
WE'VE TOLD THE
STORY OF HOW
HE WON THE
TITLE FROM--
SHARKEY. SO
WE'LL TELL HOW
HE LOST IT--
WHEN WE COME
TO THAT PART OF
THE HISTORY OF
MISTER MAX
ADELBERT BAER,
THE
UNBELIEVABLE.

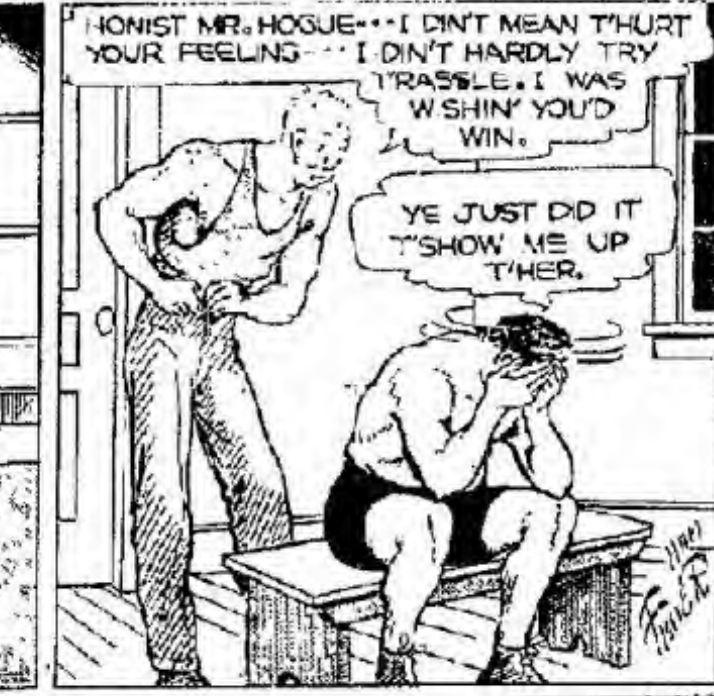
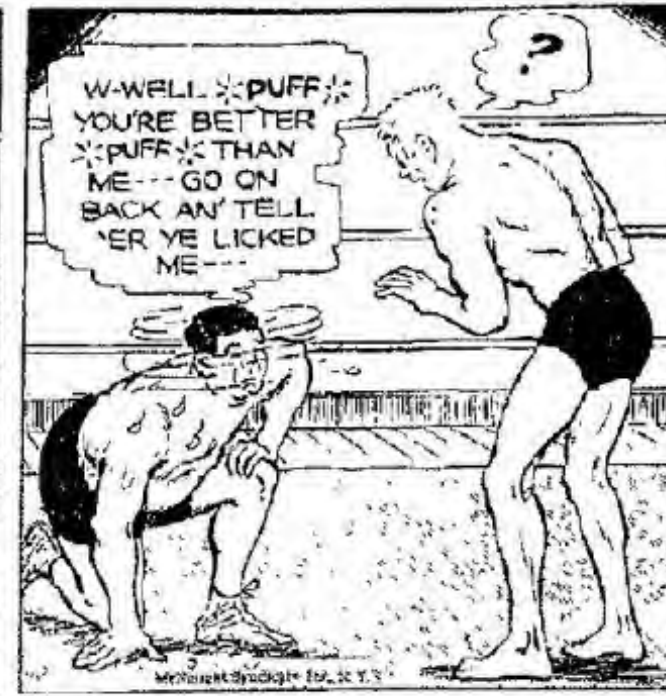
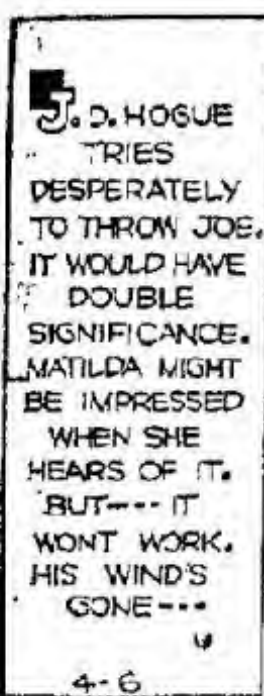
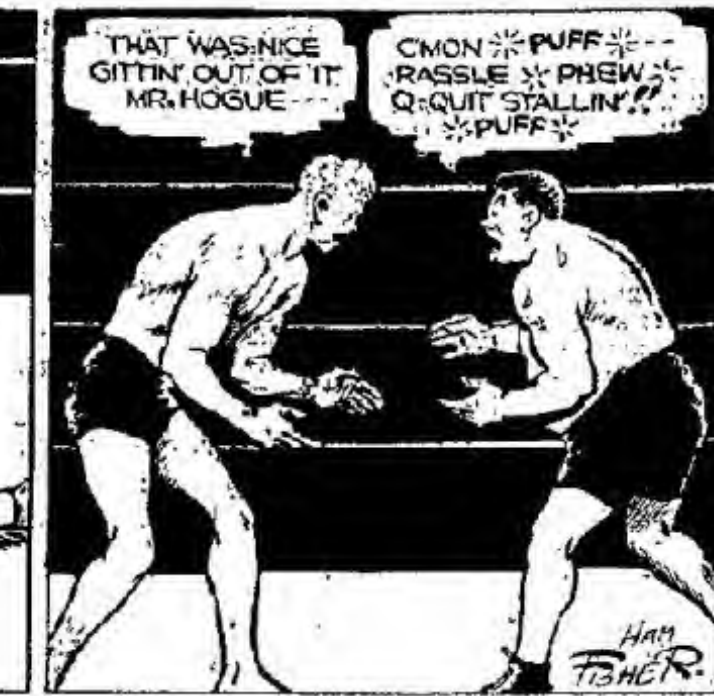
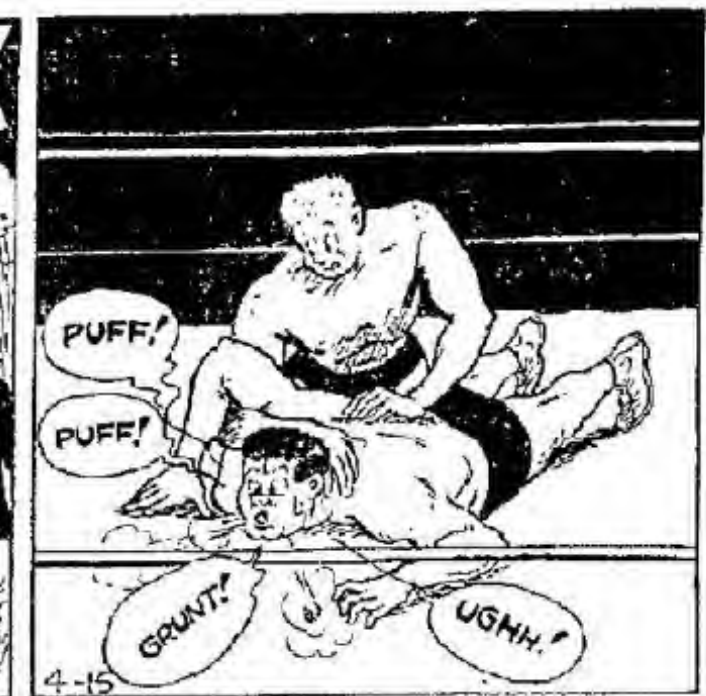
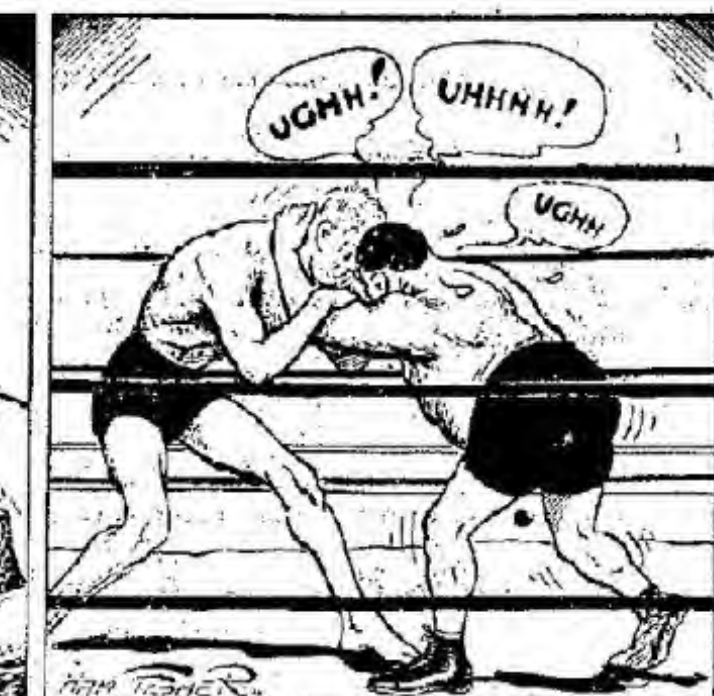
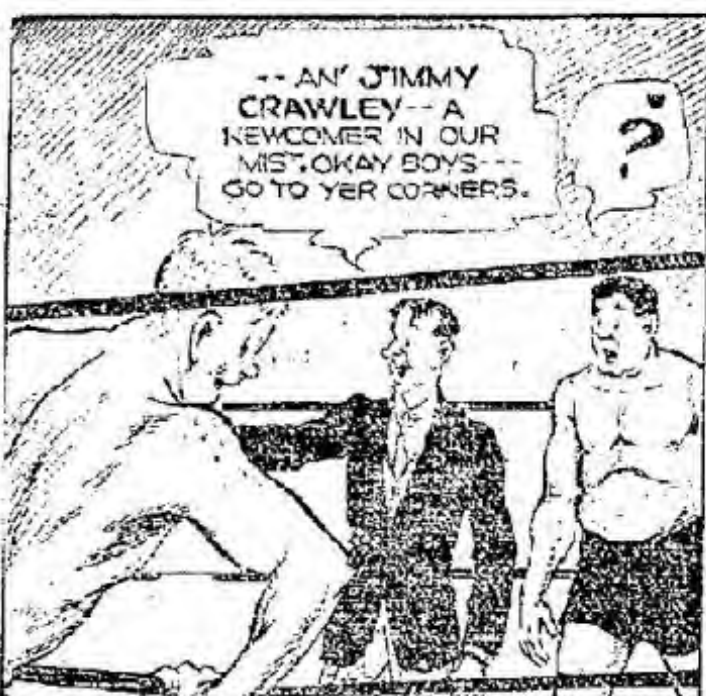
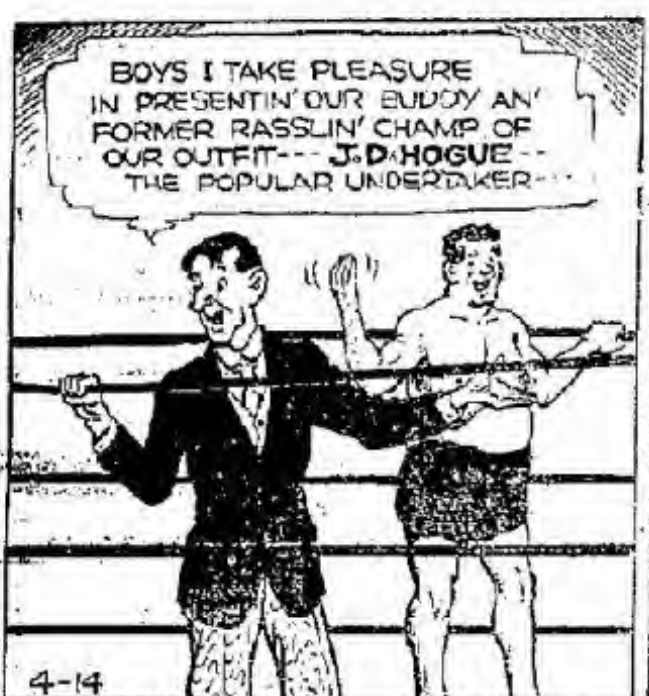


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MAX
ADELBERG BAER
WAS BORN IN
OMAHA, NEB.,
FEB. 11TH 1909.
HIS FATHER
JACOB BAER IS
AMERICAN OF
JEWISH FAITH
AND HIS
MOTHER NATIVE
AMERICAN OF
SCOTCH IRISH
DESCENT.



THE FAMILY MOVED
TO DENVER, AND
FROM THERE TO
OAKLAND CAL. AS
A CHILD MAX WAS
TWO AND DUCKED
ARGUMENTS. HIS
BIG SISTER
ACTED AS BODY-
GUARD AGAINST
THE TOUGH KIDS
OF THE
NEIGHBORHOOD.

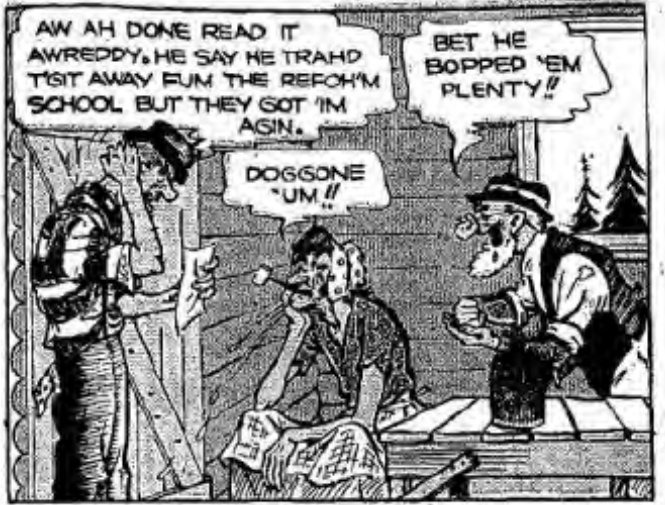


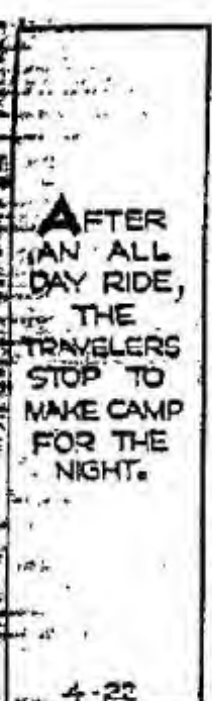
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DEAR
READERS
TO WORDS OF
LETTERS
ASKING WHAT
EVER BECAME
OF THE
ORIGINAL
BIG LEVITICUS
AND HIS
"FAMILY"
WE CAN ONLY
REPLY WITH---





FISHER'S HISTORY OF BOXING

4-26

MAXIE'S
FIRST FIGHT
WAS WITH A
STEEPLE-JACK
AT A DANCE.
TO HIS OWN
GREAT
SURPRISE HE
WON, AND SO
WAS BORN A
DESIRE TO BE
A CHAMP.



HE BOUGHT
A BAG BY MAIL
ORDER, AND
STARTED TRAIN-
ING IN POPS
BARN, WRESTLING
SIDES OF BEEF
DURING THE
DAY FOR HIS
FATHER'S BUTCHER
BUSINESS WAS
BUILDING AN
AMAZING
PHYSIQUE.



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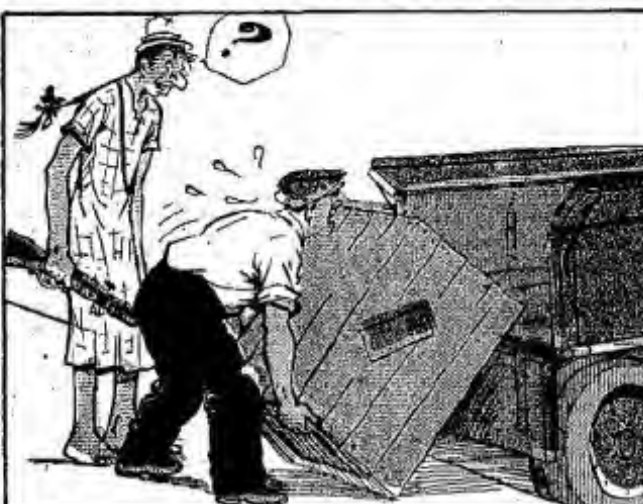
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OH GENTLE NIMPF
SO GRACEFUL SO LEAN,
YOU'RE THE FAIREST
FLOWER I EVER SEEN.
(FROM THE POEMS
OF JEREMIAH
FRANCIS
OHOOO-I-HAN.)



THERE GOES SOMEBODY
ELSE'S TIRE. AINT THEY
ANY TIRE STORES
IN THIS TOWN?

NO, THAT'S A
BACKFIRE.



FISHER'S HISTORY OF BOXING

5-3.

IN OAKLAND, CALIF., HE GOT A JOB IN A FOUNDRY. HE AMAZED THE WORKERS WITH HIS NONCHALANT HANDLING OF HEAVY CAR WHEELS.



RAY PELKY TOOK HIM TO A GYM TO WORK OUT. PELKY WAS A FIGHTER WHO WAS ENTIRELY WRONG AS YOU KNOW. BUT PELKY EVENTUALLY TAUGHT HIM TO USE HIS LEFT.



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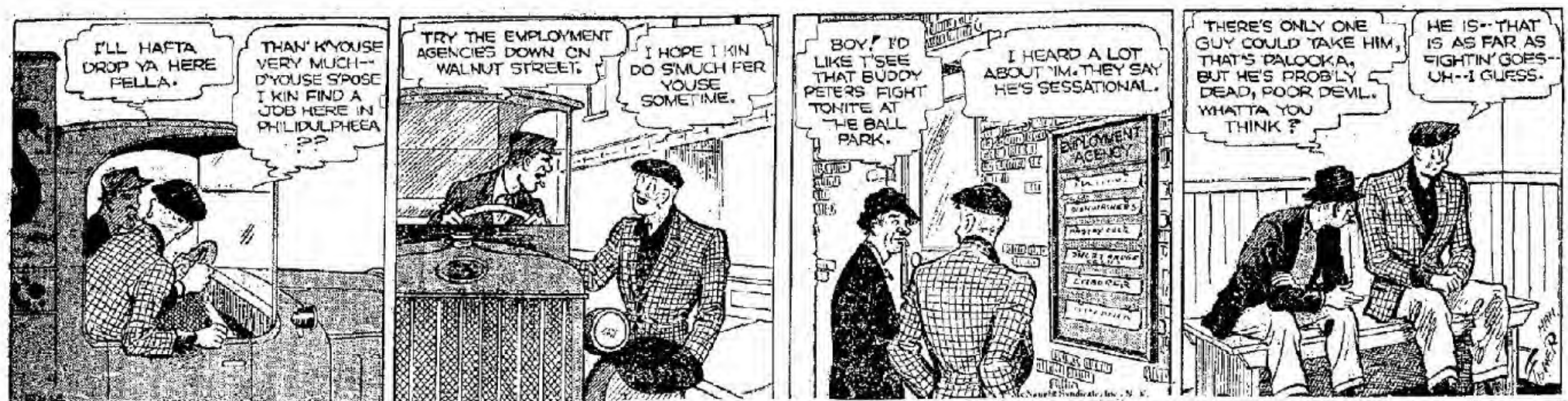
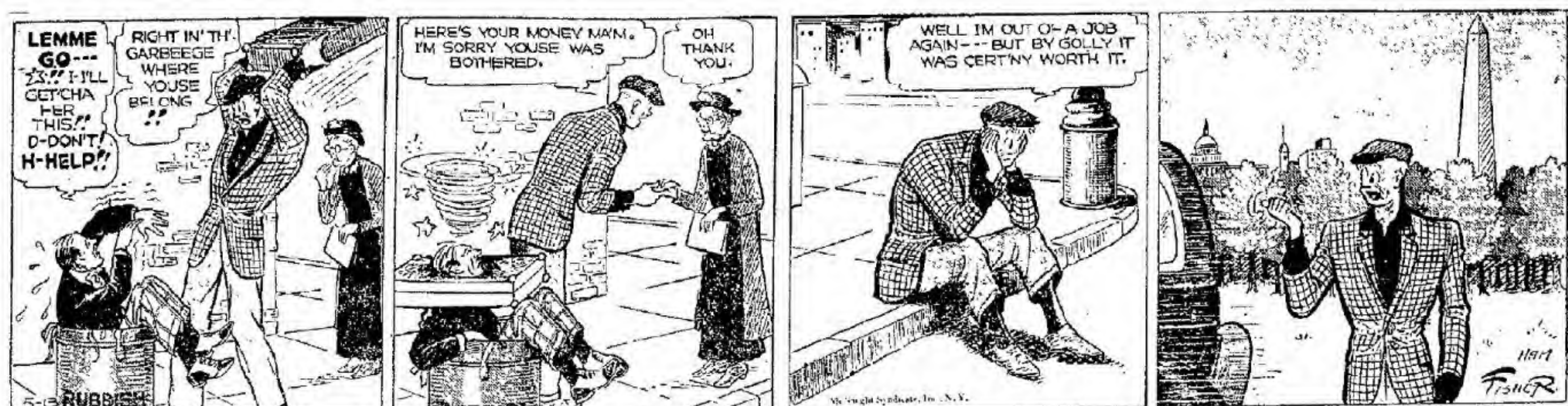
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ANOTHER DAY, ANOTHER TOWN, ANOTHER SALES TALK. JOE STEPS OUT OF THE CROWD.





JOE PALOOKA

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN-- TONIGHT'S CONTEST AT THE PHILLY BALL PARK BRINGS THE GREAT ANZAC HEAVYWEIGHT SENSATION BUDDY PETERS, VERSUS ANTHRACITE HARDY, WHO IS THE OTHER OUTSTANDING CONTENDER FOR HEAVYWEIGHT HONORS.

5-18



SINCE THE DISAPPEARANCE OF THE CHAMPION JOE PALOOKA AND HIS FAILURE TO APPEAR WITHIN THE TIME LIMIT-- THE TITLE HAS BEEN VACATED AND THE WINNER OF THIS CONTEST WILL UNOFFICIALLY CLAIM THE HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE-- IN FACT THE BOXING COMMISSIONS MAY RECOGNIZE--



---THE WINNER AS CHAMPION, THE CROWD ROARS ITS APPROVAL AS THE GREAT PETERS A CREDIT TO BOXING ENTERS THE RING, AND ANOTHER GREAT CHEER AS HARDY FOLLOWS--

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LET'S GO TO THE CENTER BUDDY. M-M-M. THE ANZAC EXECUTIONER IS A TWO TO ONE FAVORITE. HE SITS IMPASSIVELY IN HIS CORNER AS CAMERA MEN ENTER. YOU CAN FEEL THE NERVOUS ELECTRICITY OF THE CROWD. IS ANOTHER GREAT HOPE TO FALL BEFORE THE COLD AND DEADLY SHORT RIGHT OF THIS MAGNIFICENT ANIMAL TONIGHT?

HAM FISHER



UH-OH YESSIR--THANK YOU--I WAS INTERESTED WATCHING THE RING.

DON'T YOU WANT YOUR MONEY?



THAT GUY'S AS COLD AS ICE. HE GIVES ME THE CREEPS. HE'S GOT NO EMOTION AT ALL. I THINK IT'S A ACT. HE'S GREAT I KNOW BUT HE WOULDN'T BE WITHOUT A MOTION IF JOEY WAS IN THERE.

THE BOYS RETURN TO THEIR CORNERS-- BUD PETERS THE "ANZAC ACE" STANDS POISED GRACEFULLY--HARDY LOOKS SCARED-- THE BELL--THEY ADVANCE CAREFULLY--

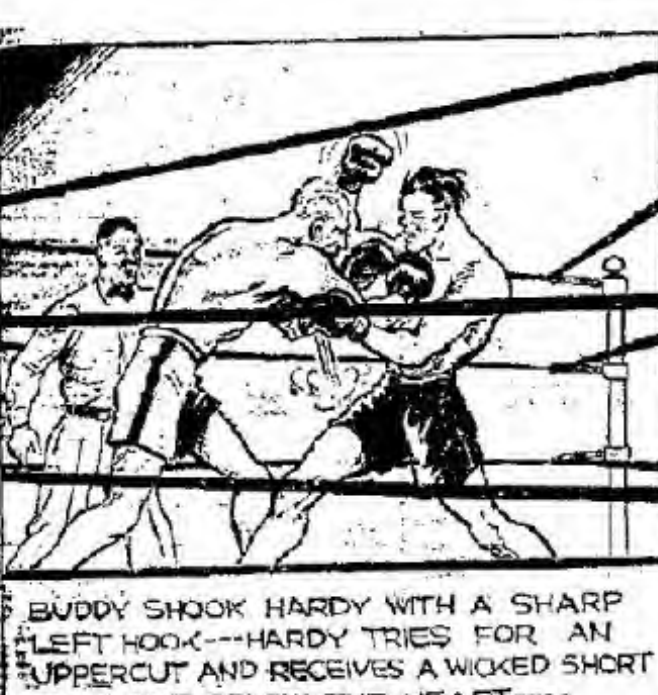


HEY SIT DOWN YOU!!



E-SCUSE ME-- I GOT EXCITED-- I'M SORRY I DROPPED 'EM--

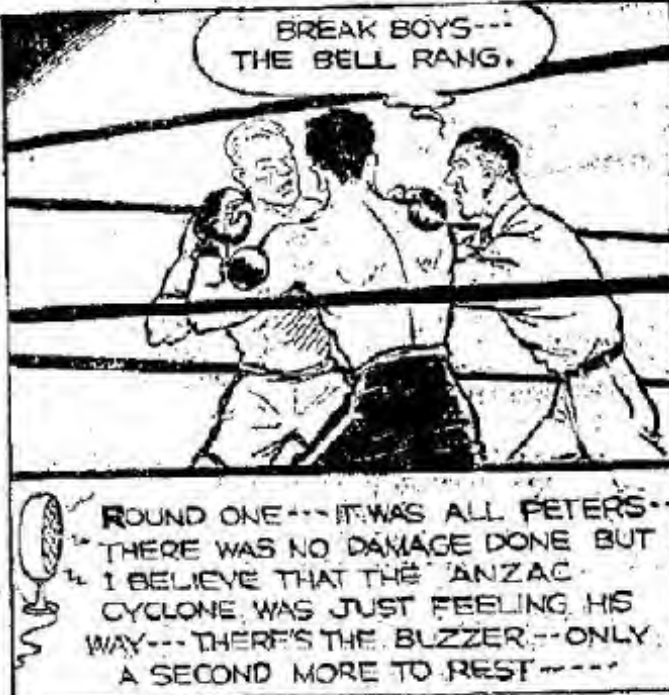
HURRY YA FOOL-- GET THESE HOT DOGS OUTA MY LAP.



BUDDY SHOOK HARDY WITH A SHARP LEFT HOOK--HARDY TRIES FOR AN UPPERCUT AND RECEIVES A WICKED SHORT RIGHT BELOW THE HEART--



HOT DOGS-- GIT YOUR FRANKFUTTERS-- USE YER LEFT-- YER LEFT!!



BREAK BOYS-- THE BELL RANG.

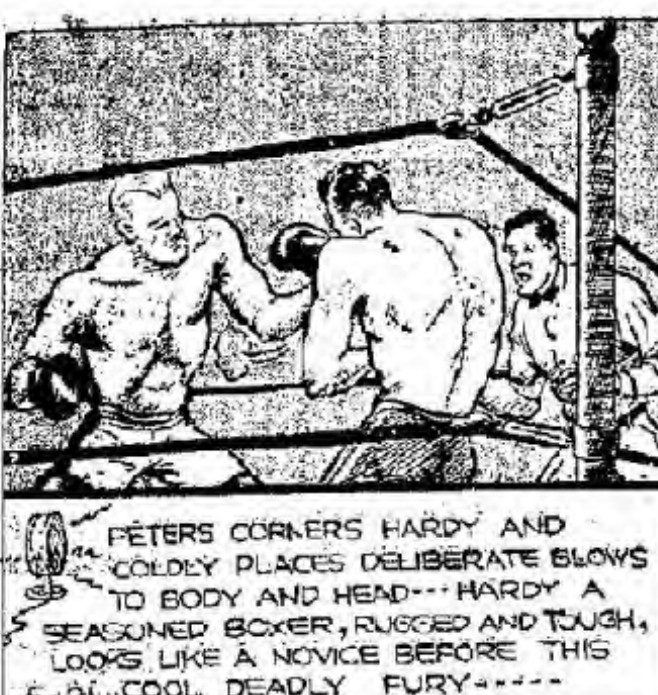
ROUND ONE-- IT WAS ALL PETERS-- THERE WAS NO DAMAGE DONE BUT I BELIEVE THAT THE "ANZAC CYCLONE" WAS JUST FEELING HIS WAY-- THERE'S THE BUZZER-- ONLY A SECOND MORE TO REST--



SIT DOWN! DOWN IN FRONT! YOU-SCRAM! YESSIR YESSIR I'M DOWN.

HARDY SNAPPED A LEFT WHICH GRAZED BUD'S SHOULDER--PETERS BEATS A TATOO ON HARDY'S RIBS--AND WHIPS A SMASHING RIGHT IN, WHICH ALMOST DOUBLES THE ANTHRACITE BOY UP--

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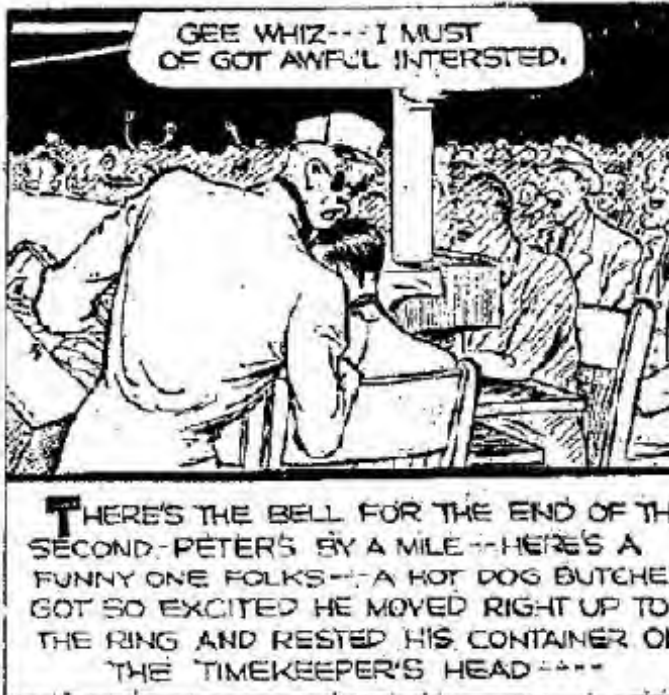


PETERS CORNERS HARDY AND COOLLY PLACES DELIBERATE BLOWS TO BODY AND HEAD--HARDY A SEASONED BOXER, RUGGED AND TOUGH, LOOKS LIKE A NOVICE BEFORE THIS COOL DEADLY FURY--



MARYLESS-- SIMPLY MARYLESS.

HEY FRANKFURTER-- GIT BACK IN TH' AISLES--WHO DO YA THINK YA ARE?



GEE WHIZ-- I MUST OF GOT AWFUL INTERESTED.

THERE'S THE BELL FOR THE END OF THE SECOND--PETERS BY A MILE--HERE'S A FUNNY ONE FOLKS--A HOT DOG BUTCHER GOT SO EXCITED HE MOVED RIGHT UP TO THE RING AND RESTED HIS CONTAINER ON THE TIMEKEEPER'S HEAD--



AM I LUCKY? NOBODY CAN RECOGNIZE ME. HOT DAWGS-- GIT 'EM HOT!! HOT DAWGS--



I DIDN'T GET SUPPER. HOW ABOUT A HOT DOG?

SWELL-- I COULD GO ONE. HEY YOU-- BOY--



YESSIR, HOW MANY MISTER LEWIN--UH-- (GOOD HEVINS)

GIVE US A COUPLE DOGS.

I FRANK 104



DAN-- QUICK! AM I CRAZY? I SWEAR IT'S PALOOKA!

WHAT?



WHERE??

HE'S GONE-- HEY PALOOKA-- JOE-- JOE-- STOP HIM!



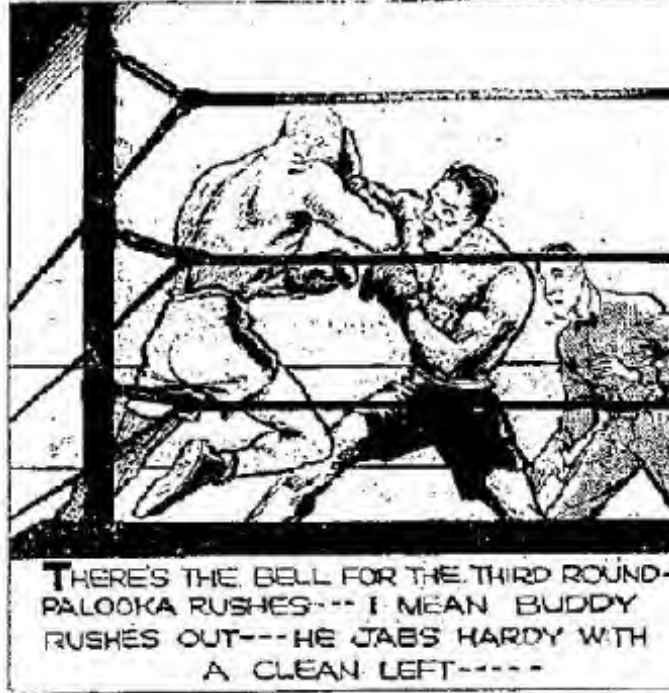
THEY'RE GOING WILD IN THE PRESS BOX ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE RING--LEWIN CLAIMS PALOOKA JUST APPEARED AT RINGSIDE SELLING HOT DOGS--THE CROWD HAS TAKEN UP THE CRY--



WHAT'S ALL TH' EXCITEMENT? I DON'T KNOW, MUST BE A COUPLE BIRDS FIGHTIN' DOWN FRONT.

---THE FELLOW (IF IT WAS JOE) DISAPPEARED-- PETERS HIMSELF IS AROUSED ENOUGH TO LOOK OVER HIS SHOULDER-- THE TICKERS ARE BLAZING AWAY-- PALOOKA FOUND HE'S BEEN MISSING FOR MONTHS-- AS THOUGH YOU DIDN'T KNOW--

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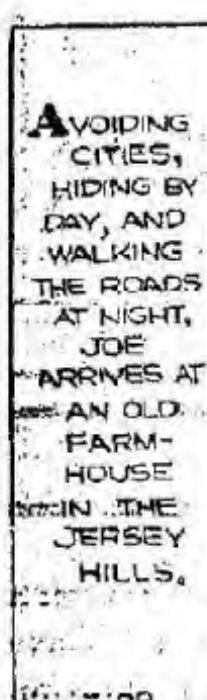
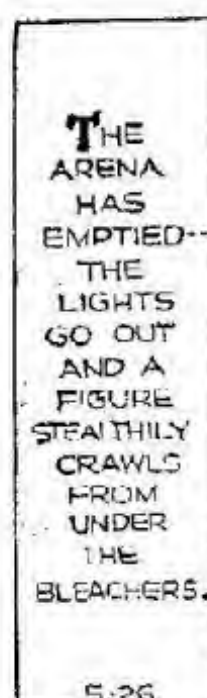


THERE'S THE BELL FOR THE THIRD ROUND-- PALOOKA RUSHES-- I MEAN BUDDY RUSHES OUT-- HE JABS HARDY WITH A CLEAN LEFT--



WHEW-- I-I HOPE THEY D-DON'T FIND ME.

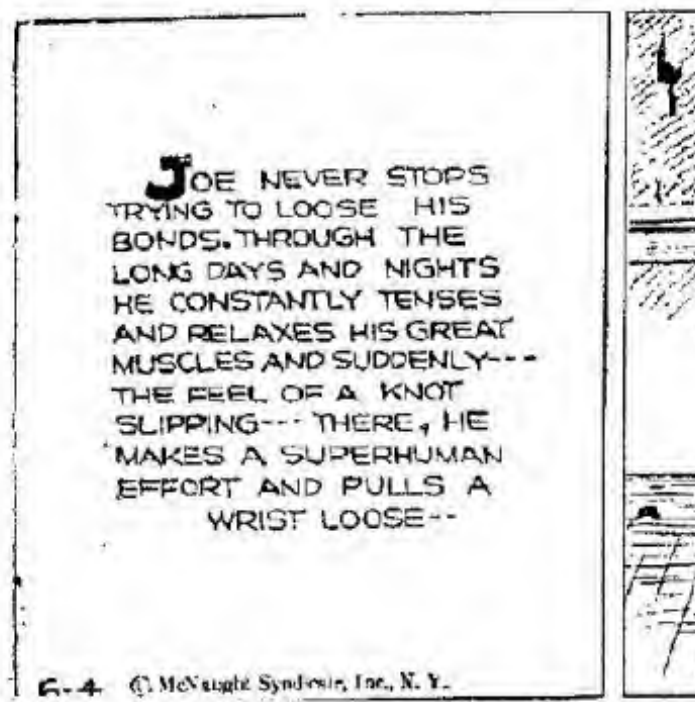
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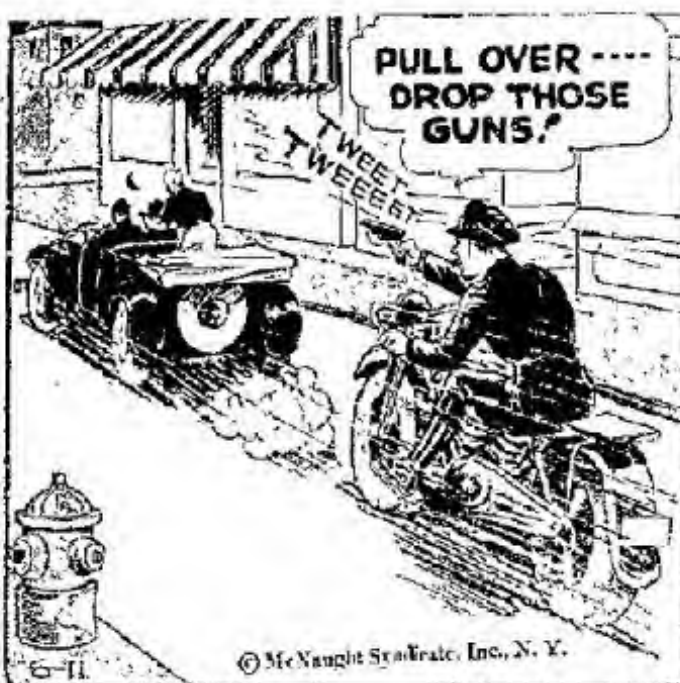
DOWN IN THE DARK ROADWAY THE BOYS WAIT FOR LOOIE.

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THE FLAMES FROM THE BURNING HOUSE LIGHT UP THE ROADWAY AND REVEAL JOE IN COMMAND OF THE SITUATION.

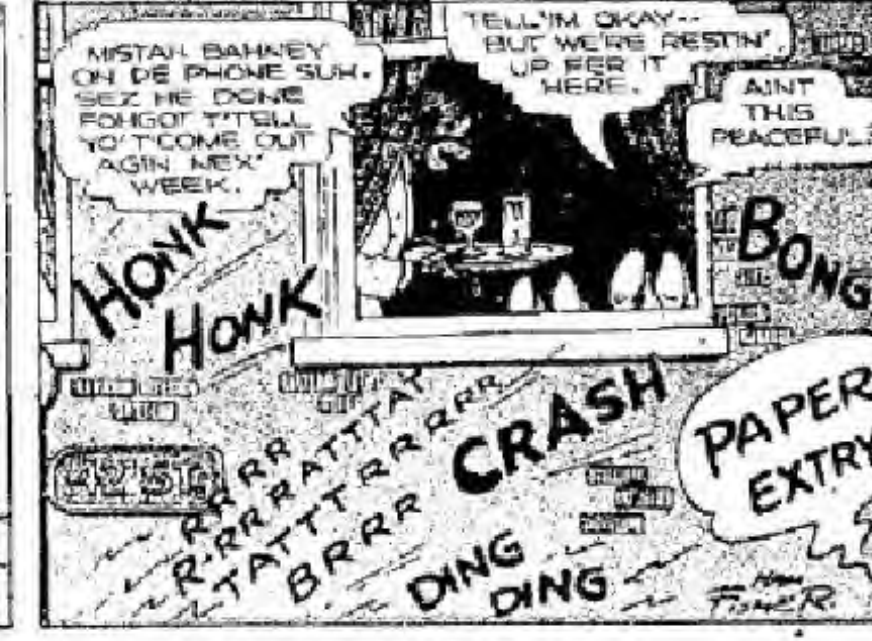
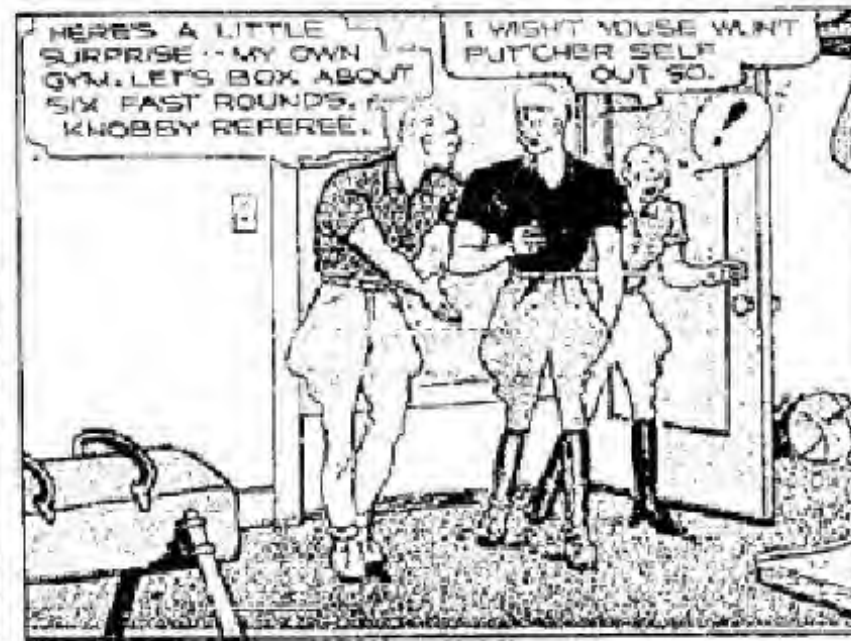
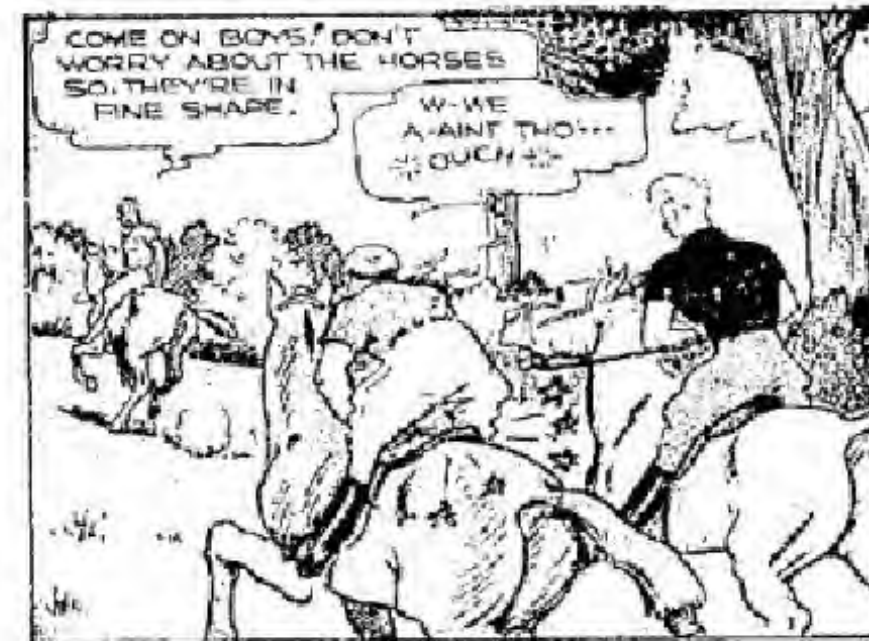
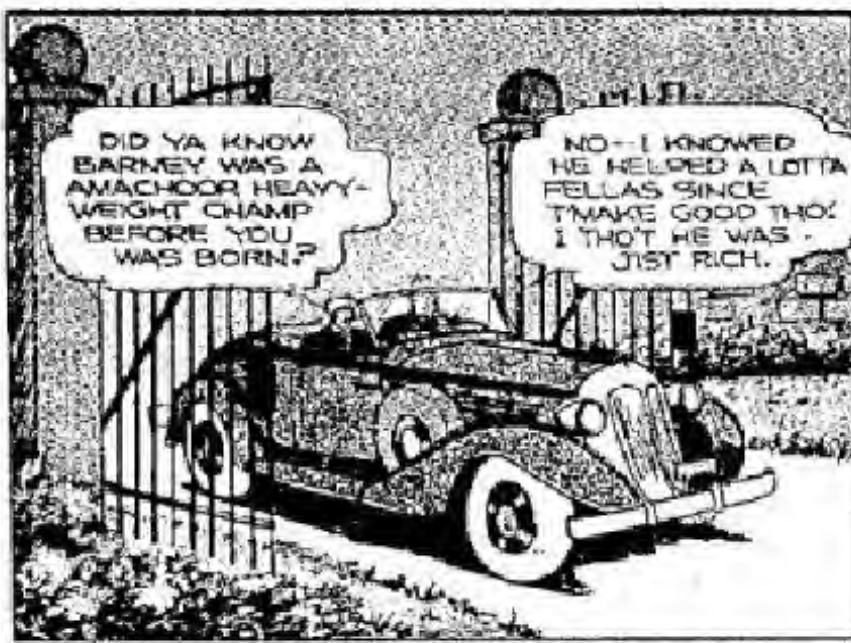
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HEAVEN PRESERVE 'IM SERGEANT--WE BETTER STOP IT, THEY'LL MURDER 'IM.

BANG THUD CRASH

I GAVE ME WORD I WOULDN'T THOUGH I'M DYIN' TO.

THEY'RE THREE TO ONE AGAIN 'IM, AN' TH' WORST TYPE! WE'LL BE BROKE FER THIS SIR.

OH! OH! OH! CLANK WHAA-AAA!

I KNOW CASEY, I KNOW--I GUESS MEBBE WE BETTER--

OH SARGINT!

IT'S HIM--WHEW!

PRASE BE THOUGH I GUESS THERE IS NOthin' MUCH LEFT.

KIN I WASH MY HANDS? I GOT 'EM VERY DIRTY.

GOOD GOSH--WHAT A MAN, BETTER GIT A DOCTOR FER THEM CASEY.

YESSIR--I'LL BE--

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BY TH' TIME HE GIT'S SOUTH AMERICA AN' WILL BE THERE WAITIN' FER 'IM.

MY POOR JOSIPH, HE'S HAD MUCH TROUBLE. I'LL BET HE'LL BE SURPRISED AN' HAPPY WHEN HE SEES HER DOWN THERE.

THINK OF TH' POOR KID PROBABLY SHOVLIN' COAL OUT THERE ON TH' OCEAN AN' NOT KNOWIN' EV'RYTHING'S OKAY--WHATT A BREAK!

MAMA--THE TELAPHONE IS RINGIN'!

J-JOSIPH--OH MY BABY--CH--JOSIPH ARE YOU WELL? HAVE YOU GOT YOUR HEAVY UNDAWEAR ON--

G-GIMME THAT PHONE!

MEBBE HE'LL GIT SEA-SICK. TELL HIM HE--TCH-TCH.

YOU'RE IN TH' NEWARK JAIL? TELL 'EM T'KEEP YA--I'LL BE THERE BEFORE MORNING--WHOOPEEE!

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I WE'RE ALMOST THERE. THAT WAS EASTON WE JIST WENT THROUGH--STEP ON IT.

DAWGONE--I'LL DRIVE THIS HEAH OLE BOILAH 'TILL SHE BUS' WIDE OPEN--BOY--IS AH HAPPY--WHUF.

SUFFERIN' CATS, WE'RE PINCHED--A STATE TROOPER!

WE SHU' OUTA LUCK. STOP!

BREAKIN' THE SPEED LIMIT--RECKLESS DRIVIN'--ETC--ETC--YOU MANIACS'LL GIT THREE MONTHS--I'M TELLIN'--

Y-YESSIR--THAT'S ME NAME--KNOBBOY WALSH--YA SEE I JIST GOT WORD PALOOKA'S IN NEWARK--WELL--GULP--I GUESS WE'RE LICKED--

WHAT? WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY SO? COME ON--I'LL LEAD THE WAY.

HOT DOG!

OFFICAH, YO IS A GENT AN' A SCHOLAH. LET'S GO!!

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GEE I'M GLAD I SEE YOUSE!!

HOT DIGGETY!!

JOE!

ISZAT RIGHT ABOUT ME NOT BEIN' MARRIED?

I'LL SAY--WHERE YA BEEN? WHATCHA BEEN DOIN'--HOW D'YA FEEL?

HE LOOK LIKE A MILLION DOLLARS!!

HE JUST BEAT UP THREIF OF THE TOUGHEST GANGSTERS IN THE COUNTRY.

NO KIDDIN'! GOSH YA LOOK LIKE YA BEEN IN TRAININ'.

HAVE YOUSE SEEN ANN? I'M WAITIN' FER HER PHONE TANSWER.

SHE'S ON TH' OCEAN, BUT DON'T BLAME NOBUDDY BUT YERSSELF. SHE'S LOOKIN' FER YOU.

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BUT YA CAN'T LEAVE T'JOIN HER KID, CAN'TCHA SEE YALL SUM TH' WHOLE WORKS?

I HATE T'THINK SO, BUT I GUESS MEBBE YER RIGHT.

23RD. PRECINCT

AN' AS SOON AS SHE GIT'S TH' WIRELESS SHE'LL HEAD RIGHT BACK. LEND ME SOME DOUGH T'PAY FER TH' MESSAGE.

I AINT GOT A CENT.

AH STILL GOT SOME! CENT'S AH'LL PAY FOH IT.

YOU GOT PLENTY--I'D--I WOULDN'T TOUCH IT. ME--I'M FLAT.

IN THAT CASE YOUSE KIN GIT ME A FIGHT RIGHT AWAY AN' KEEP IT ALL.

B'SIDES--HALF A WHAT I GOT'S YOUN'. WHY DINT YA USE IT?

GOOD OLD PAL! I LOST MY HALF. BUT WITH YOU BACK KID, I'LL BE ON EASY STREET AGAIN.

HOT ZIGGETY!!

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TH' NOOSPAPERS HAS HEADLINES ALL OVER 'EM--AN' YA OUGHTA HEAR WHAT LOWELL THOMAS SAID ABOUT YER RETURN. ARE YOU TH' WHITE HAIRD PRODIGAL?

EVABODY'S GOIN' WILD SUH. AN' DE HOTEL LOBBY AM JAMMED.

I AINT INTERSTED.

ARE YA GOOFY? TH' WHOLE WORLD'S HAPPY ABOUT YA BEIN' SAFE AN' YA DON'T APPREHATE IT.

THEY'RE AWFIL ELEGIN' BUT THAT DON'T MAKE ME HAPPY.

WIRELESS FOR MISTER PALOOKA.

WHATT A YA MEAN GRABBIN' IT OUTA MY HANDS? WHAT'S IT SAY?

HE SO HAPPY HE CAIN'T TALK.

IF SOMEBUDDY CALLED ME ALL THEM NAMES I COULDN'T NEITHER.

SHE'S COMIN' BACK ON TH' NEXT BOAT. I BETTER GIT HIM A FIGHT RIGHT NOW!

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WHATTI I CARE IF TH' TITLE WAS VACATED? WE'LL TAKE TH' CHAMP'S PURSE OR YA KIN KEEP YER FIGHT?

PETERS INSISTS ON THE SAME THING: HE'S THE RECOGNIZED CHAMPION. JOE IS THE CHALLENGER.

YEAH?? OKAY!! I'LL DEAL WITH TH' OTHER OUTFIT. IT'S PALOOKA THAT BRINGS TH' BIG GATE-- AN' THERE'S PLENTY OF GOOD FIGHTERS.

YEAH BUT NONE LIKE PETERS. YOU'LL COME BACK.

SEZ YOU!

TH' CHIS'ERS! THEY'LL COME TME! TH' FANS STILL LOOK AT JOE AS BEIN' CHAMP-- COMMISSION ER NO COMMISSION WHO'S PETERS-- BAH!!

I WON'T MAKE TH' MATCH. WELL WAIT-- THEY'LL COME TO US. HOW'S MOM AN' TH' FAMILY?

SWELL THAN KYOUSE. I GOT A NOTHER WIRE-- LESTS FROM ANN. SHE'LL BE BACK A WEEK EARLIER. SHE'S COMIN' BY AIRPLANE.

SUFFRIN' CATS! I'LL HAFTA SIGN FER A MATCH IN A HURRY.

I'LL COMPROMIZE WITH YA. WE'LL SPLIT WITH PETERS. THAT'S BEIN' AWFUL GENEROUS, BUT I DON'T WANTA LET TH' FANS DOWN.

KNOBBY, YOU'RE A PANIC. YOU'VE GOT REASONS OF YOUR OWN. YOU'RE NOT THINKING OF ANYBODY ELSE-- EVER.

WELL??

OKAY-- THAT'LL SUIT THE PETERS OUTFIT. HAVE JOE HERE ON FRIDAY FOR THE SIGNING.

AN' THEN THE MOTORCYCLE PLEECESMAN COME UP AN' I TURNED THE CROOKS OVER. I DINT KNOW I WASN'T MARRIED AN' I WAS AFRAID THE PLEECES WOULD GIMME BACK TO ARBUTUS. BUT MY DOOTY WAS T'DO WHAT I DONE.

GEE-- WHAT WRITE-UPS THEY'RE GIVIN' YOU IN TH' PAPERS! GOSH-- THIS MATCH WITH TH' AUSTRALIAN IS GETTIN' MORE ATTENTION IN TH' PAPERS THAN A WAR.

I SEEN HIM FIGHT IN PHILADELPHIA. YA KNOW I TOLD YA HOW I WAS SELLIN' HOT DOGS.

THEY SAY HE'S ANOTHER FITZSIMMONS. HE MUST BE T'RIFIC.

HE CERT'N IS. I NEVER SEEN ANYBUDDY AS GOOD.

BUT YOU KIN LICK 'IM JOE-- CANT YOU?

DONT'CHA WORRY STEVE. I INTENT T'MARRY ANN AS CHAMPION. I AINT BRAGGIN' BUT FER HER I KIN LICK A COUPLE OF ELAPHUNTS. I GOTTA MAKE HER PROUD.

WELL I'LL HAFTA BE LEAVIN' FER TRAININ' CAMP T'MORRA. I TALKED T'KNOBBY ON THE PHONE LAS' NIGHT.

OH DEAR-- AN' I WAS HOPIN' YOU'D BE STAYIN' HOME A FEW WEEKS. SUCH A PERFECTION-- ALWEEZ AWAY FROM YOUR FAMILY.

HE CALLED FROM NOD YORKE AN' SAID HED HAVE EV'RYTHING READY. I GOTTA MEET HIM DAY AFTER T'MORRA AT THE CAMP. I HATE TRAVLIN' ALONE.

WHO SAID YA WAS? YA AINT?

H'LO MOM.

FER HEVVINS SAKES-- KNOBBY!! I THOUGHT YOU WAS BUSY SITTIN' TRAININ' CAMP READY.

I TOO SMART T'EVER TAKE A CHANCE WITH YOU AGAIN! I COME T'TAKE YA WITH ME.

AN' I'M NEVER LETTIN' YA OUTA MY SIGHT AGAIN. YA AINT RESPONSABLE.

TCH. TCH.

YOUSE HAFTA STAY FER SUPPER KNOBBY. I GOT P'TATA PANCAKES LIKE YOU'RE CRAZY FER.

A FEW MILES ACROSS THE GEORGE WASHINGTON BRIDGE IN THE JERSEY HILLS, LIES DOC BIER'S CAMP. WHERE MANY CHAMPS HAVE TRAINED. HERE JOE AND HIS ENTOURAGE HAVE BEEN TRAINING FOR A WEEK.

KNOBBY-- THE KID'S WIND IS MARVELOUS! HE DINT JOG, RAN ALL THE WAY AND PLAYED THE BOYS OUT.

THAT'S GREAT!

I DONT KNOW ABOUT THAT. I DONT LIKE IT.

WHATS A MATTER? ARE YA GOOFY? SINCE WHEN DONT A TRAINER LIKE TSEE A GUY IN GOOD CONDITION?

WHEN IT'S WEEKS BEFORE A FIGHT, HE'S TOO FINE. NOT AN OUNCE OF SUPERFLUOUS WEIGHT. WEVE GOT TO GO VERY EASY WITH HIM.

UHM-- YEAH-- I WAS THINKIN' EXACTLY TH' SAME THING. THEM MONTHS OF HOBON' DONE IS HE LIVED LIKE A WOLF. BATTLIN' EV'RY DAY.

RIGHT!! I'M PUTTIN' HIM IN THE RING FOR HIS FIRST SESSION TOMORROW. BUT ONLY FOR TWO ROUNDS.

I WAS JUST GONNA TELL YA T'DO THAT-- FUNNY YA THOT OF IT YERSELF. YER OKAY RAY.

TAKE IT EASY, KID. THIS ISN'T THE BIG NIGHT. IT'S WEEKS AWAY. WHAT'S YOUR HURRY-- YOU'RE ALL EXCITED.

I DUNNO, BUT I JIST CANT CAM DOWN SORTA.

EASY-- EASY-- BOX JOE, BOX-- NEVER MIND THE SLUGGIN'.

CRACK

I'M SORRY TONY. I DINT MEAN IT.

HE'S NOTHIN' LIKE TH' OLD JOE. HE GOES AT 'EM LIKE A TIGER.

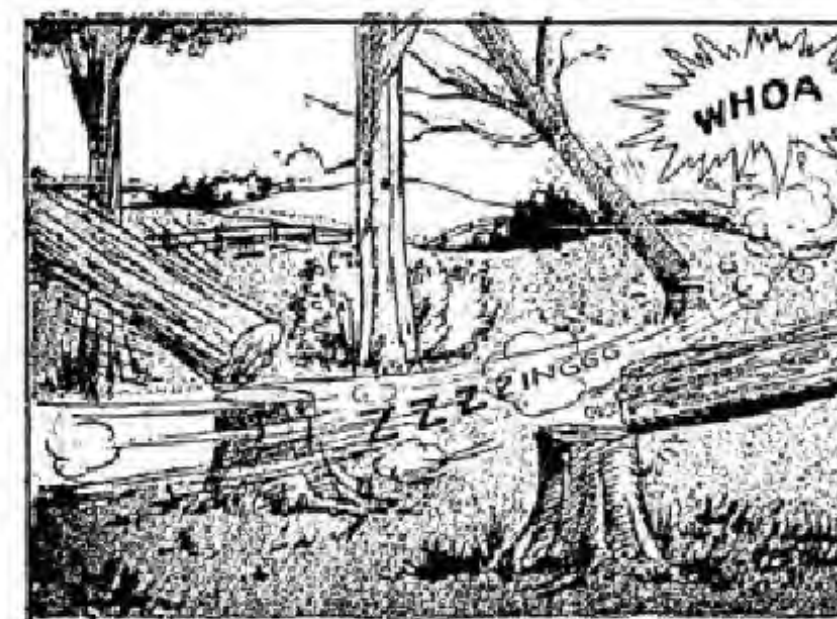
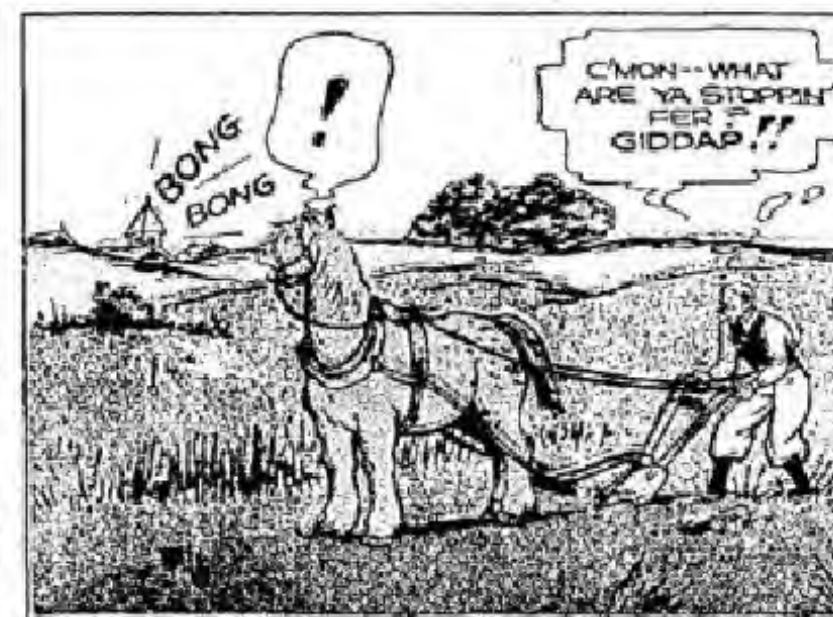
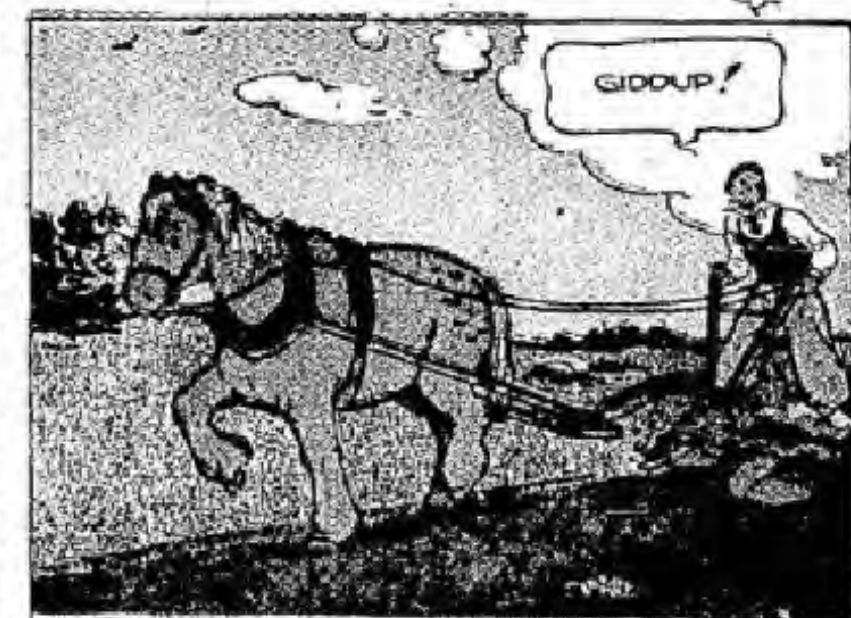
DID YOU SEE DEMPSEY WHEN HE WAS COMING UP AND HAD BEEN HOBON' FOR YEARS??

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THE BOYS ARE TRAINING AT DOC BIER'S FAMOUS TRAINING CAMP AND FARM IN NEW JERSEY. JOE IS OUT DOING ROAD WORK.





FISHER'S HISTORY OF BOXING

MAX BEGAN TO RECEIVE TOO MANY ATTENTIONS FROM THE 'WEAKER' SEX. SOCIETY DEBS AS WELL AS SHOP GIRLS GAVE HIM THEIR ATTENTIONS. MASH NOTES POURED IN HIS MARRIAGE HIT THE ROCKS. DOROTHY WENT TO RENO.

MAX
BAER
TRAINING
TODAY

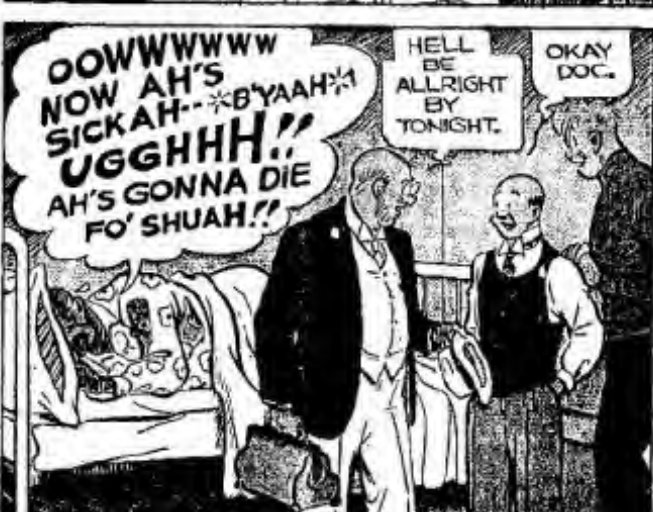


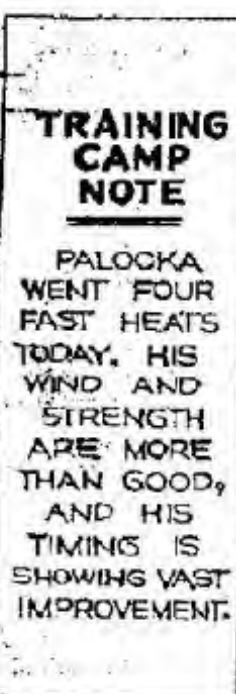
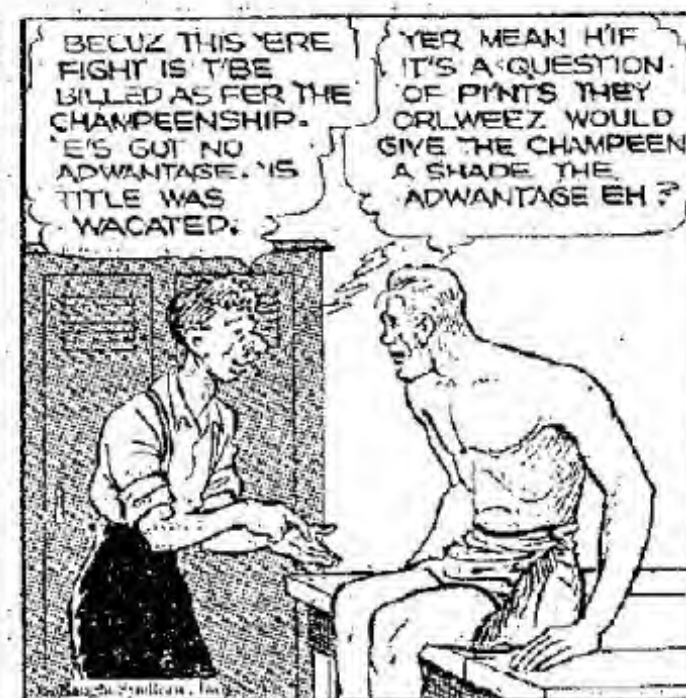
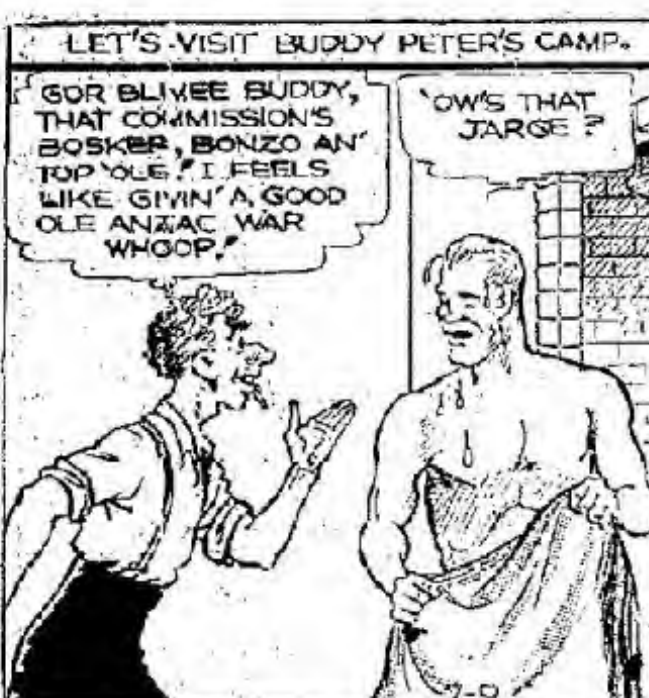
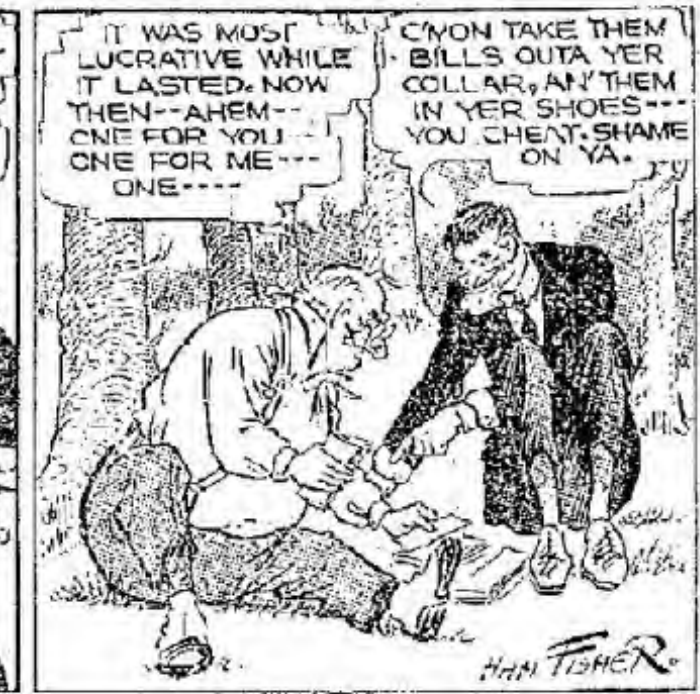
TRAINING
QUARTERS FOR
HIS FIGHT
WITH
SCHMELING WERE
ESTABLISHED AT
ATLANTIC CITY.
MAX DID
MUCH OF HIS
ROADWORK IN
A WHEEL
CHAIR.



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DATE
SATURDAY JULY 11, 1936.

CELEBRITIES VISIT PALOOKA CAMP
JOE KAYOS FOUR SPARRING PARTNERS

IN ORDER TO SHOW HIS APPRECIATION WHEN MANY FAMOUS STARS VISITED HIM TODAY PALOOKA GAVE A REMARKABLE EXHIBITION BY FLATTENING FOUR HUSKIES IN A ROW. AMONG THE VISITORS WERE, TALULLAH

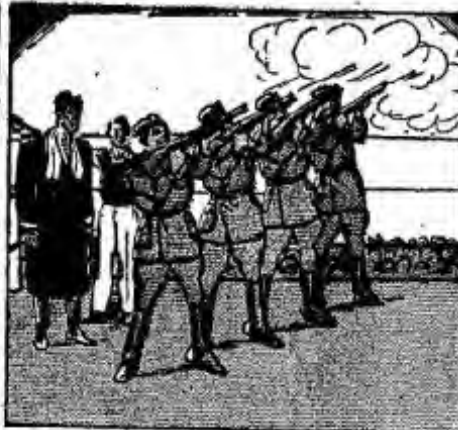
BANKHEAD, JIMMY DUNN, LIONEL BARRYMORE, NAT BRANDWYN (WHO BROUGHT HIS ORCHESTRA) STOOPNAGLE AND BUD, JUNE KNIGHT, JACK LAIT, MORTON DOWNEY (HE SANG) HUSING, FAY KING, O. O. MCINTYRE, WALTER WINCHELL, LOUIE SOBO, TONY CANZONERI,

ED. SULLIVAN, JACK PEARL, ONE-EYED CONNELLY, SHEMP HOWARD, HAROLD LLOYD, GENE TUNNEY AND BARNEY ROSS.



FISHER'S HISTORY OF BOXING

THE BAER-SCHMELING FIGHT WAS A GREAT SPECTACLE. MOST OF THE LIVING CHAMPIONS WERE AT RINGSIDE. A PARTY OF LEGIONAIRES FIRED A SALUTE FROM THE RING IN MEMORY OF THE LATE WM. MULDOON OF THE N.Y. BOXING COMMISSION.



BAER AND SCHMELING BEGAN BOMBARDING FROM THE MOMENT THE BELL RANG. IT WAS PRETTY EVEN ALL THE WAY. IN THE TENTH BAER WHIPPED ONE OVER FROM THE GROUND AND SCHMELING WAS OUT.

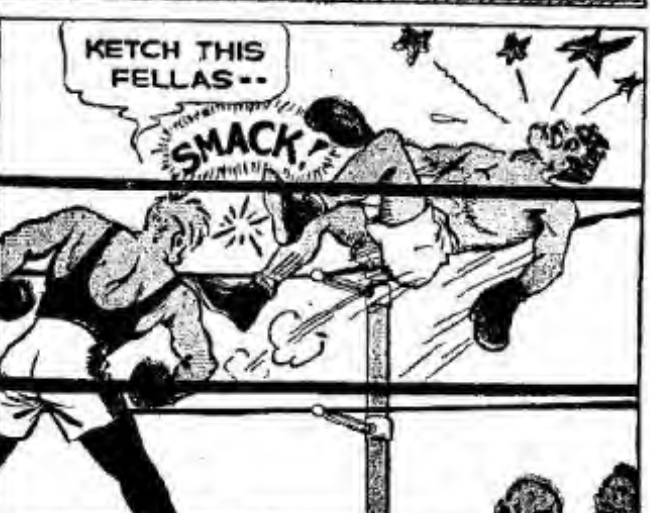
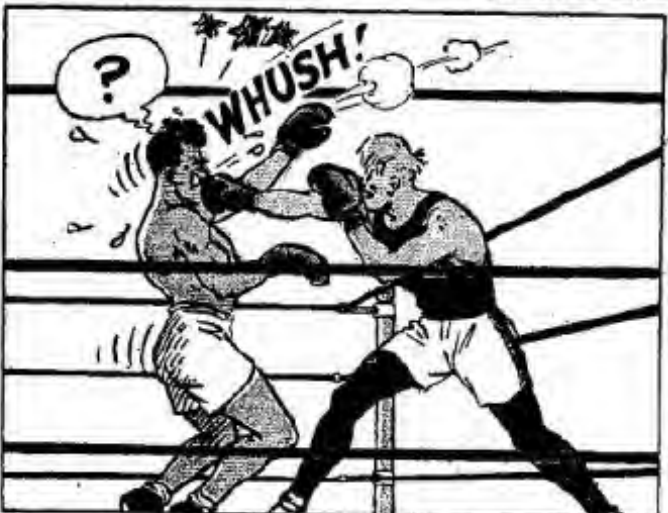
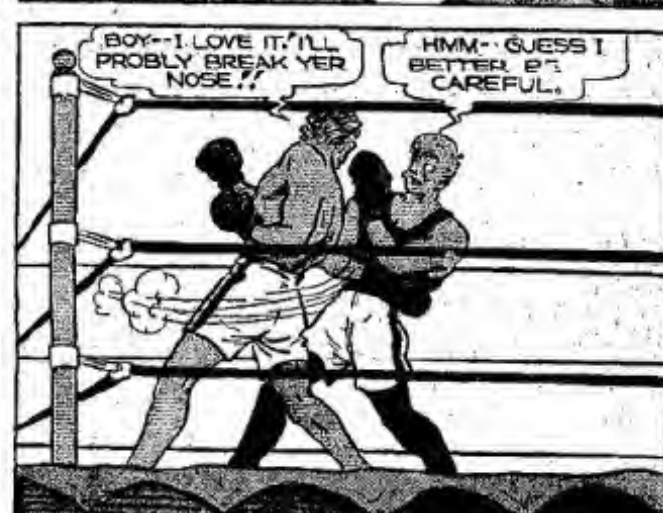


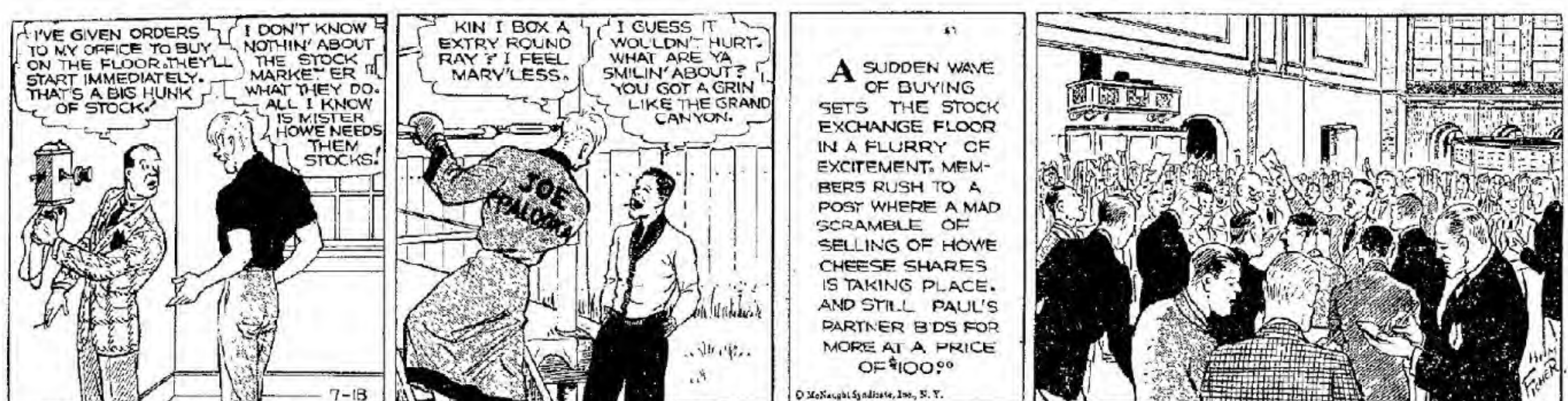
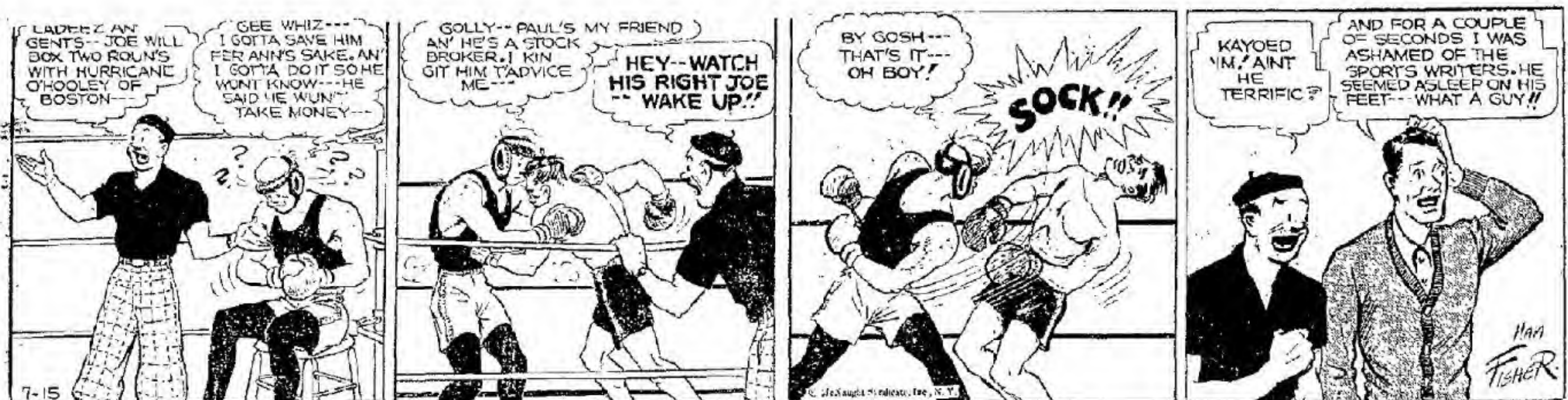
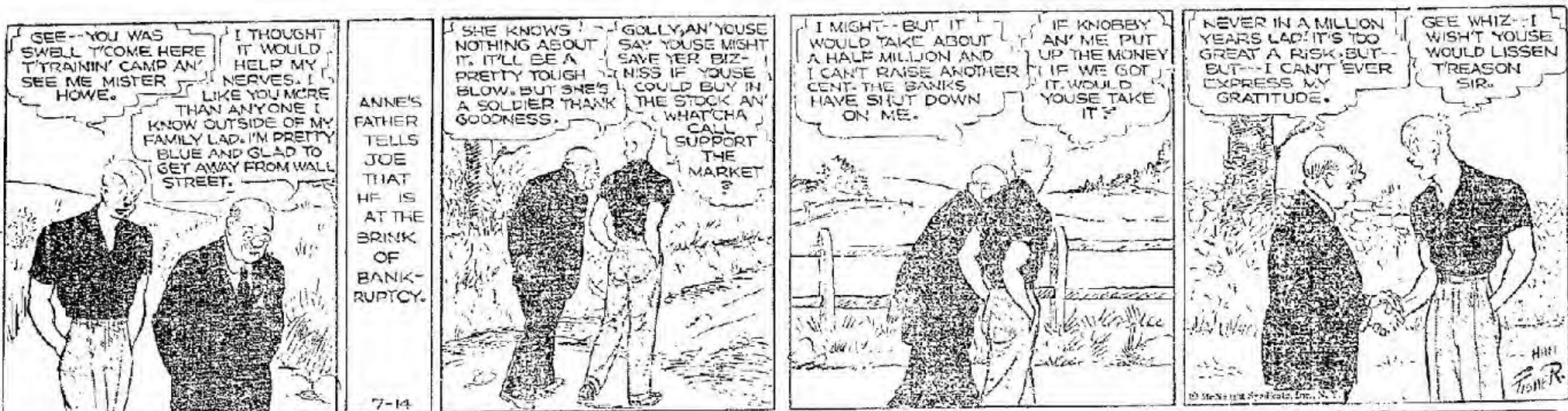
DEMPSEY, SITTING WITH THE WRITER, WAS HOLDING AN UNLIGHTED CIGAR IN HIS MOUTH. AS MAX CONNECTED WITH SCHMELING'S CHIN, JACK GASPED AND SWALLOWED THE STOGIE.

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AFTER DEFEATING SCHMELING, MAXIE WAS HAILED AS THE GREATEST POSSIBLE GLADIATOR TO MEET THE CHAMP CARNERA, WHO HAD WON OVER SHARKEY VIA THE K.O. ROUTE, AND WHOM THE EXPERTS WERE CALLING INVINCIBLE.

WE WANT YOU TO MAKE A MOVIE. YOU'LL BE THE HERO AND SURROUNDED BY SCADS OF GORGEOUS GALS.

HOW I'LL HATE THAT. QUICK--GIMME THE PEN!

CARNERA WAS ALSO URGED TO APPEAR IN THE PICTURE. THERE WAS MUCH DISCUSSION ABOUT WHO WAS TO WIN THE FILM FIGHT. AT LAST THEY COMPROMISED ON A DRAW. MAXIE TOLD THE WRITER THAT HE MEASURED PRIMO IN THE FILM AND FIGURED HE COULD TAKE HIM.

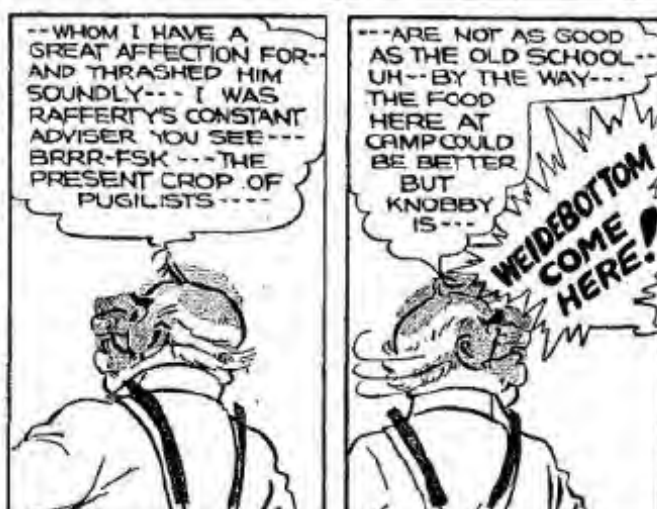
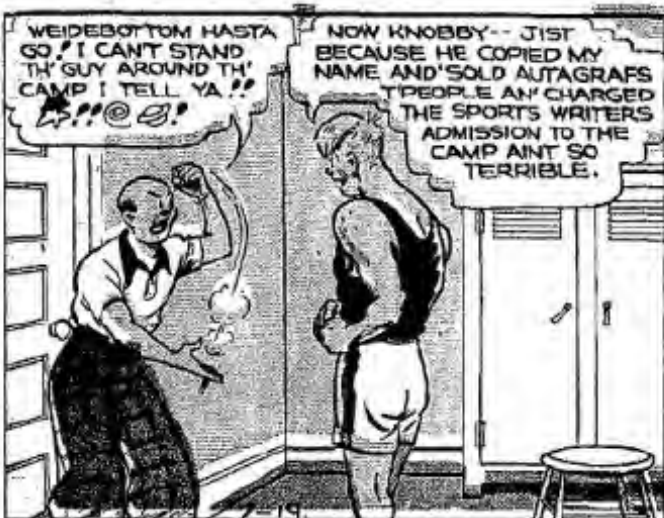
BIG OAFS FROM LIL' ACORN'S GROW, YA BIG OAF, YES---NO--OR AM I WRONG?

OH SHU--YOU BET'CHA, TANKA YOU.

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I WONDER WHAT'S GOING ON---ARE THEY CRAZY? I UNLOADED ALL MINE AT 102. THEY'RE STILL BIDDING FOR MORE.

SOMEBODY'S GONE GOOFY. I WOULD HAVE TAKEN ANYTHING TO GET RID OF MY HOWE CHEESE AND I SUDDENLY GET A FORTUNE FOR IT.

I GOTTA GO. I'LL ANSWER SMOKEY.

MISTAH JOE, WANTID ON DE PHONE.

HE CAN'T GO TNO PHONE. YA KNOW THAT WHO WANTS 'M?

I GOT YOUR BLOCK OF STOCK. THE WHOLE WORKS.

HULLO PAUL--- HUH---OH--- FINE. I'LL GIVE IT T'MISTER--- UH---

HEY!! GIT BACK IN TH' RING. I'LL TAKE THAT PHONE

WHAT WAS TH' IDEE OF HANGIN' UP? WHAT'S TH' BIG MYSTERY? WELL??

OH JIST A FRIEND A MINE. IT'S JIST PERSONAL.

WHATTA YA MEAN HE LEFT TH' BIG BAS TISO TO TH' PHONE??

HE SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT BOSS.

BUT, YOU MUST UNDERSTAND JOE! THE STOCK HAS GONE OFF TEN POINTS. THE OTHER GROUP ARE THROWING STOCK IN AND NO BIDS.

AS LONG AS I GOT WHAT I WANTID I DON'T CARE WHAT NOBODDY'S DOIN'---

HULLO

WHATTA YA MEAN LEAVIN' TRAININ'?? DON'T DARE GO T'THAT PHONE AGAIN!

HELLO--HELLO-- I SAID I'VE GOT TO TALK TO JOE AGAIN. TELL HIM IT'S PAUL AND HURRY! MAN--- HURRY!!

MISTAH KNOBBY DONE SAID AH HIM NO MO--- AN' AH AIN'T--- G'BYE.

WHERE'S JOE SMOKEY?

HE OUT ON DE ROAD.

JOE-- JOE!

JOE FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE, WHY DID YOU DO IT?

HULLO PAUL. WHATCHA DOIN' OUT HERE?? WHAT'S A MATTER?

THAT CHECK FOR A HALF MILLION IS NO GOOD! I'M SURE YOU DIDN'T MEAN ANY WRONGS--- MAYBE YOU MEANT ANOTHER BANK.

IT CERT'NLY IS GOOD. KNOBBY SAYS I GOT EVEN MORE THAN I'LL ALL MINE.

WHEW!! THANK GOODNESS, WHICH BANK?

I DUNNO-- I THO'T ANY BANK WOULD BE GOOD. I'LL FIND OUT FROM KNOBBY.

YOUSE WAIT HERE. I'LL ASK KNOBBY WHERE MY MONEY IS AT.

HURRY UP KID. YOU'VE GOT US IN A TOUGH PREDICAMENT.

--WHY, IT'S ALL IN BONDS IN A SAFETY DEPOSIT VAULT AT TH' BROADWAY BANK. WHAT'S TH' BIG IDEE? DON'T YA TRUST ME ALL OF A SUDDEN?

WHY KNOBBY?? TCH--TCH COURSE I DO. I WAS JIST ASTIN' JIST WOND'IN THAT'S ALL.

HE SAYS IT'S THE BROADWAY BANK WHERE I GOT IT. JIST CHANGE THE NAME ON THE CHECK.

GEE-- YOU HAD ME WORRIED PLENTY! I'LL CALL MY OFFICE AND TELL THEM.

JOE-- THEY SAY THE STOCK'S GONE OFF FORTY POINTS TODAY. YOU NEED MORE MARGIN, OR YOU'LL BE WIPED OUT!

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOUSE ARE TALKIN' ABOUT-- HONIST.

YOU'D BETTER COME WITH ME TO TOWN. THIS IS AWFUL. I TOLD YOU NOT TO BUY THE STOCK.

KNOBBY'LL RAISE THE DICKENS, BUT I GUESS I BETTER GO.

BUT HONIST GENTLEMUN-- I DON'T UNDERSTAN

THE CHECK IS NO GOOD! A HALF MILLION DOLLARS!

JOE-- THE BROADWAY BANK SAYS YOU HAVE NO ACCOUNT THERE.

DO YOU REALIZE WHAT YOU HAVE DONE? YOU'LL GET TWENTY YEARS FOR THIS-- AND MAKE GOOD THE MONEY TOO!!

EASY BILL-- JOE, YOU'VE MADE A TERRIBLE MISTAKE AND YOU'VE GOT TO STRAIGHTEN IT OUT.

G-GOLLY-- I B-BETTER CALL KNOBBY--

WHAT?? YER IN A BROKER'S OFFICE? YA CRAZY @!!?

I-I CAN'T. YOUSE BETTER COME RIGHT OVER!

DARES T'LEAVE TRAININ' CAMP RIGHT BEFORE HIS BIGGEST FIGHT!! HE'S WENT NERTS SLAP-HAPPY!!

ROUTE 2 TO GEORGE WASHINGTON BRIDGE

WHATTA YA DOIN' HERE? C'MON-- YOU'RE LEAVIN' NOW!

WILL YOUSE GENTLEMUN ESPLAIN FER ME?

--AND GAVE US A BAD CHECK FOR A HALF MILLION-- THE STOCK IS OFF SIXTY POINTS AND HE OWES US A HUNDRED THOUSAND MORE.

W-WHAT? YA MUST BE CRAZY!



MAX DID A REMARK-
ABLE JOB OF ACTING
IN THE 'PRIZEFIGHTER
AND THE LADY'. HE
DANKED AND SANG
SURROUNDED BY A
BEVY OF
BEAUTIFUL GALS
AND IT DIDN'T RE-
QUIRE MONTHS OF
ARDUOUS TRAINING
AND BLACK
EYES AND TIN
EARS.



READ ME THAT
STACK OF FAN LETTERS,
ANCIL.

GO TAKE A
JUMP IN
THE
LAKE.

HE LIKED
IT SO
WELL, HE
DECIDED
TO QUIT
FIGHTING
AND
CHARM
THE FANS
FOR A
LONG TIME
WITH HIS
ACTING
ABILITY.



THAT'S THE TENTH
TIME I'VE SEEN MY
PICTURE, AND I
LIKE ME MORE
EACH TIME.

OH YEAH? WELL THIS'LL
BE THE LAST TIME. WE
START TRAININ' FOR
CARNER A TOMORROW.

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ME AN' HER
WILL BE WALKIN'
THROUGH THE
PARK FER
ABOUT
A HOUR.

OKAY--I'LL MEET YA AT
FIFTH AVENUE AN' SIXTY-
NINTH STREET
AT FIVE.



AN' FER GOSH SAKE, DON'T GIT
IN NO TROUBLE AS USUAL. TRY
AN' BE LIKE ME.



KICK IN YA MUES!!
I GOT TH' NUMBER
SIX BALL.

LUCKY
BUM.

DID YOU
SEE THAT
SLOP IN?

I SPOSE
YA PLAYED
THAT BANK
SHOT?



WHATTYA YA
MEAN YOU'RE
GOIN'?

YOU GOT
ALL
THE
DOUGH?

WHAT'S
THE
IDEE?

I GOTTA
MEET JOE
AN' ANN
HOWE. I'LL
JUST GIT THERE
ON TIME.



GOT A MATCH?

WHY
CERTAINLY--
GRAND DAY
ISN'T IT?



INTRESTED
IN POOL?

YEAH-- I PLAY AT
THE FRIARS CLUB
ONCE IN A WHILE.



AN' SO I MAKE A SWELL
BANK OFF TH' EIGHT AN'
COP TH' DOUGH. GOSH--
SIXTY-NINTH--I
GOTTA GIT OFF
HERE.

ME TOO.
I'M MEETING
SOME ONE.



SAY--GIT A LOAD
OF TH' DAME COMIN'
ALONG--WHAT
A KISSER!

WHERE?



PIPE TH' BUGLE--
AN' TH' MAKE-UP--
HO-HO--THAT MAP
WOULD STOP A
CLOCK--



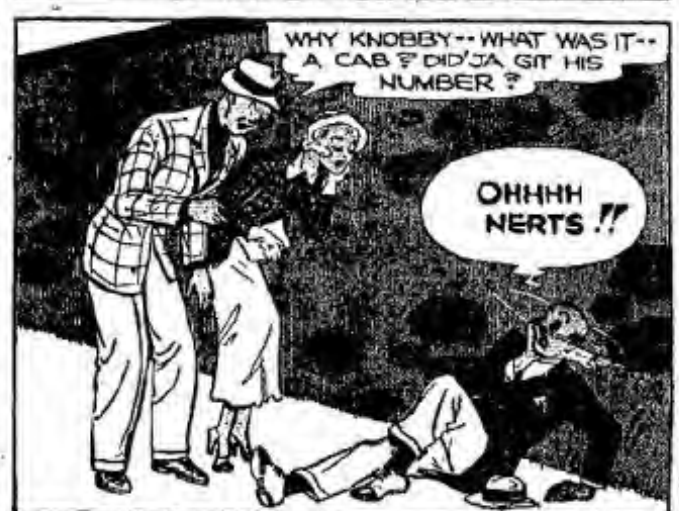
DID YA EVER SEE A
FACE LIKE THAT ON
ANYBUDDY BEFORE?
WHOOEY.

THAT'S MY
WIFE!!



I--UH--*ULP*--WELL--IT--WELL--IT
LOOKS GOOD ON HER ANYWAY--DON'T IT.

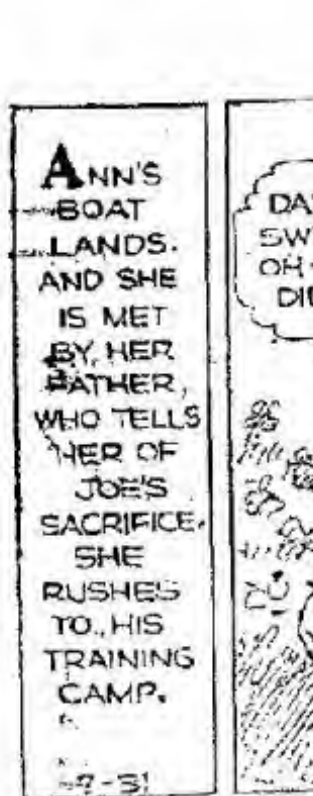
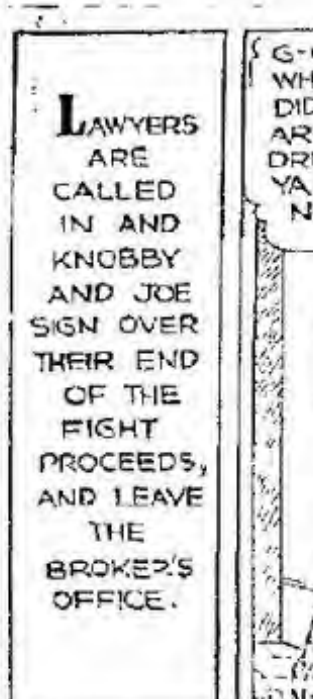
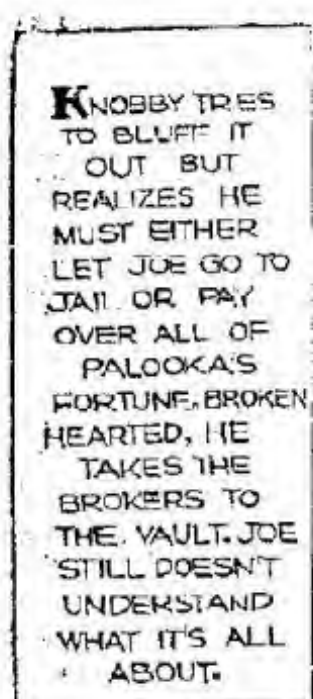
HA--
HA--
GULP



WHY KNOBBY--WHAT WAS IT--
A CAB? DID JA GIT HIS
NUMBER?

OH--
NERTS!!







MAX WENT TO ASSEMBLY PARK TO TRAIN FOR THE CARNERA FIGHT. THE AMBLING ALP HAD WON THE TITLE FROM SHARKEY BY THE KAYO ROUTE, AND EVERYONE SAID HE WAS THE DESTROYER OF ALL TIME. 'HE'D PROBABLY KILL BARRY' SAID THE HYSTERICAL.

WHY THIS CARNERA WON'T BE BEATEN FOR YEARS.

NOBODY BIG ENOUGH TO FIGHT HIM. HE'S A MASTODON.

THE WRITER NEVER SAW THE PUNCH THAT KAYED SHARKEY... AND NEITHER DID MANY OTHER SPORT SCRIBES SITTING WITHIN TWO FEET OF THE FIGHTERS. LATER EVENTS PROVED THAT CARNERA COULDN'T KNOCK AWAKENING OUT.



BARRY CLOWNED A LOT IN TRAINING. WE WERE STANDING IN THE RING WITH MAX AFTER A WORKOUT, WHEN COMMISSIONER BROWN OF N.Y. JUMPED UP, AND THREATENED TO CALL THE FIGHT OFF.

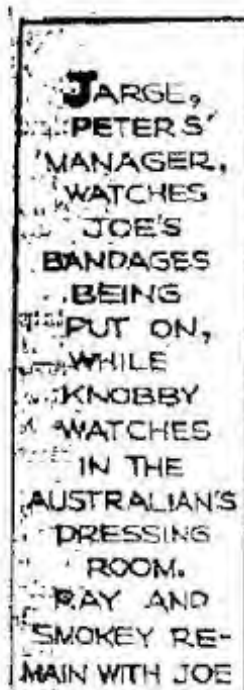
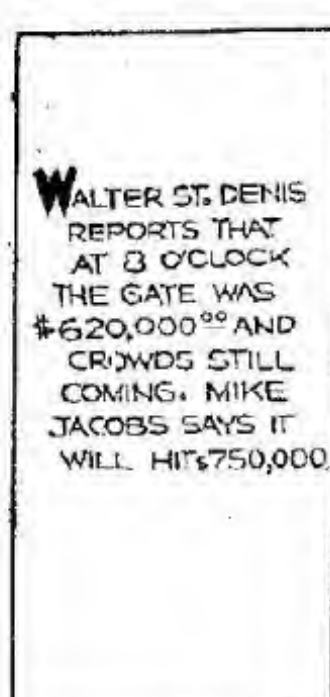
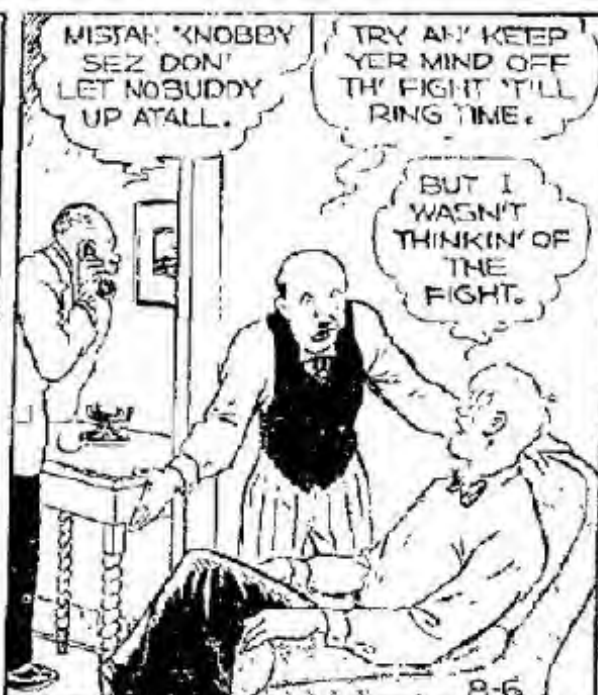
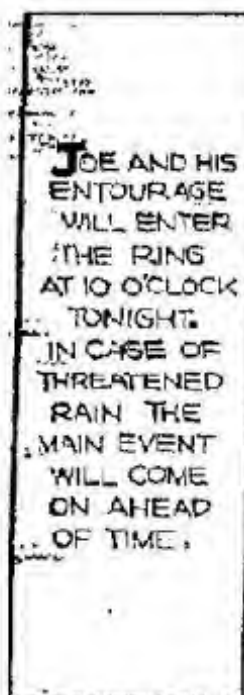
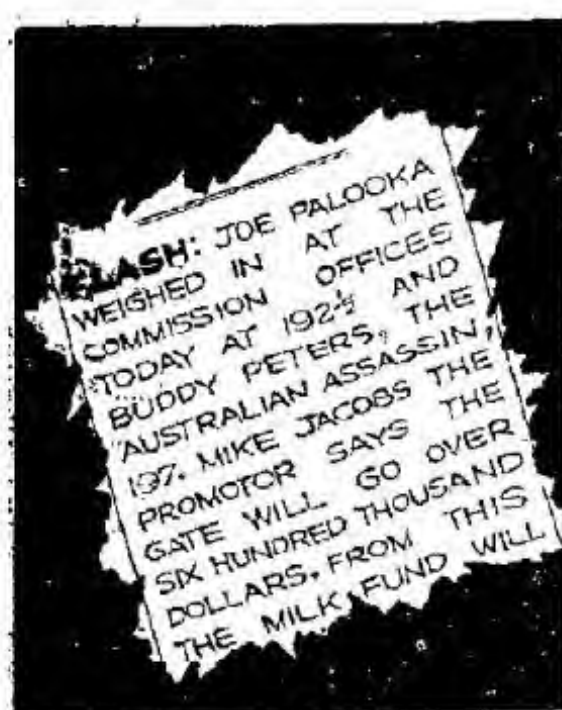
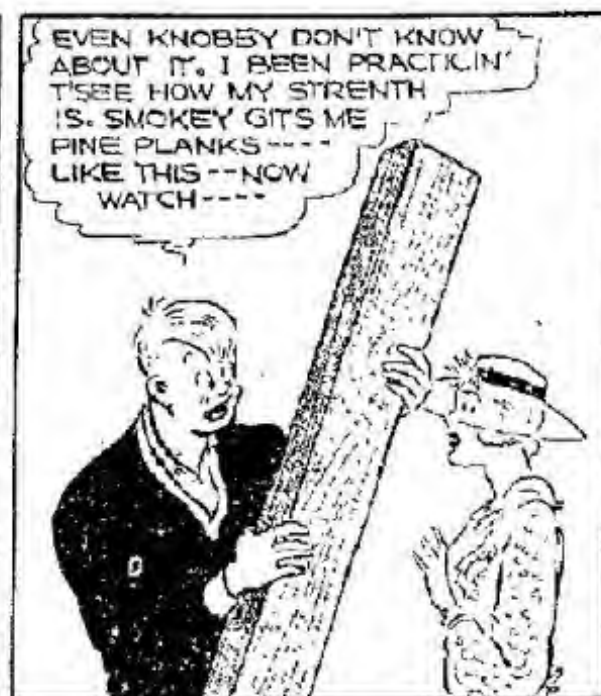


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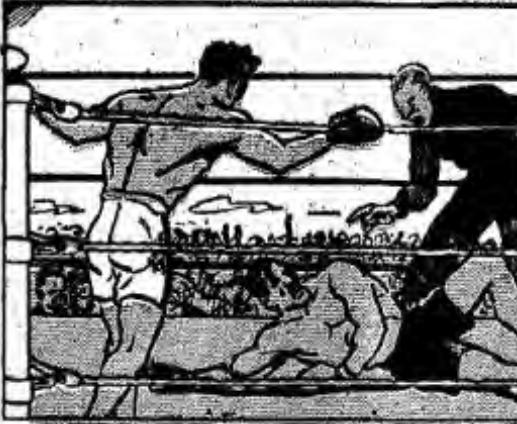
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THE GIANT CARNERA ENTERED THE RING WEIGHING 253 1/2. BARR TIPPED THE BEAM AT 210 EVERY ONE SAT TENSED WAITING THE ANNIHILATION OF MAX BY THE MONSTER IN ONE ROUND. BUT-- WHOA!! A LONG LEFT AND A RIGHT TO THE BODY AND ANOTHER RIGHT TO THE CHIN-- CARNERA'S DOWN!!

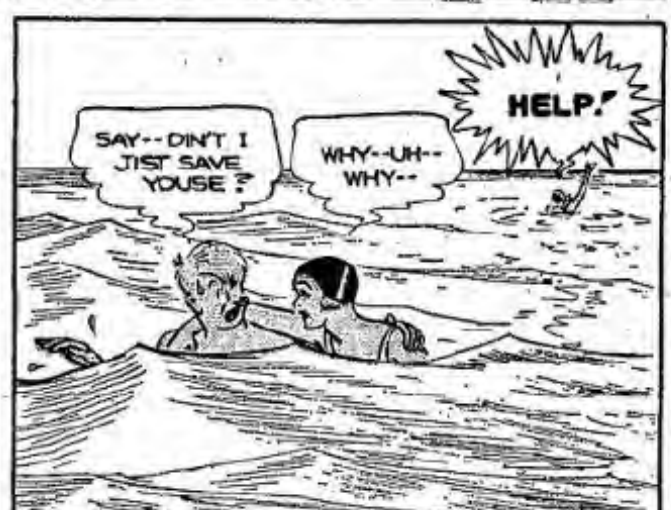


---CARNERA GETS UP---AND THEY SPAR, --CARNERA JABS WITH HIS GREAT LEFT AND MAX STALKS HIM--THE BELL RINGS --SECOND ROUND-- MAX STARTS A FIERCE BODY ATTACK-- CARNERA GOES DOWN THREE TIMES BUT GETS UP WITH- OUT A COUNT. MAX SWINGS SO HARD HE FALLS ON TOP OF PRIMO.



JOE PALOOKA

By HAM FISHER



TELEGRAPH
FLASH FROM
RINGSIDE--

SOMETHING IS HOLDING UP MAIN EVENT. CROWD IS RESTLESS--CONTESTANTS SHOULD HAVE BEEN IN RING HALF HOUR AGO----

WHAT'S THE MATTER?
I THINK THEY'RE COMING NOW--THERE'S A LOT OF COMOTION NEAR THE GRAND STAND.
NO--IT'S AN ARGUMENT--DARN IT I WONT MAKE THE THIRD EDITION.



WHAT'S THE MATTER HERE? WHY AREN'T THE FIGHTERS IN THE RING?
HERE'S THE COMMISSIONER.
THEY SWITCHED GLOVES ON ME, THESE IS LIGHTER THAN THEM YA MARKED--WE WONT WEAR 'EM.



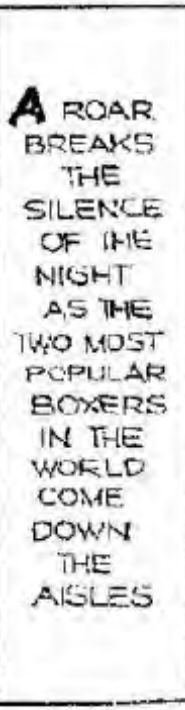
GRACIOUS SAKES-- WHERE 'YOUSE BEEN? WE OUGHTA BE IN THE RING AWREDDY--
I'M PULLIN' A FAST ONE, TH' COMMISSIONER SENT OUT FER SCALES TWEIGH TH' GLOVES. I'M GONNA GIT PETER'S NANNY.



OKAY COMMISSIONER-- I'M SATISFIED. I DIDN'T BELIEVE THEY DIDN'T SWITCH GLOVES T' 10.
NOW HURRY ALONG-- INTO THE RING, STEP ON IT.
I WAS TRYIN' T' GIT YER GOAT, THE FOOL!
NO HUM--



C'MON KID-- I BET I GOT HIM SORE. THAT'S A SMART LITTLE TRICK OF MINE.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT EFFECT YOU HAD ON PETERS, BUT YOU'VE GOT JOE A BUNDLE OF NERVES WAITING.
LET'S GO C'MON-- PUHLEEZE



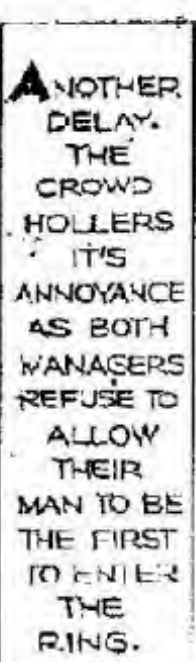
A ROAR BREAKS THE SILENCE OF THE NIGHT AS THE TWO MOST POPULAR BOXERS IN THE WORLD COME DOWN THE AISLES



DON'T GIT IN TH' RING YET, I TELL YA.
BUT WHY NOT?
HULLO MISTAH GIMBEL



I'LL MAKE 'IM GIT IN FIRST, IT'S UNLUCKY. WE'LL PLAY ON HIS SOOPERSTATIONS.



ANOTHER DELAY. THE CROWD HOLLERS ITS ANNOVANCE AS BOTH MANAGERS REFUSE TO ALLOW THEIR MAN TO BE THE FIRST TO ENTER THE RING.



I'M GITTING TIRED AT THIS. AN IT GITS ON MY NERVES.
GET IN THE RING!
WE'RE GITTING HIS GOAT. HE'S GOTTA GIT IN FIRST, NERTS T' YOU REFEREE.



HEY-- C'MERE YA SAP!!
I'M GITTING IN!!



I AWWWY MISTAH JOE-- YOU SHO' SHOULDNT DONE DAT. LEMME RUB DIS RABBIT FOOT ON YO.
WHATTA YA MEAN DON'T THAT? AH-H-H WHAT'S TH' USE-- NOW LISEEN WHILE I GIVE YA INSTRUCTIONS
H'RAY
PALOOKA
ATTA BABY!



I LOOK HOW CALM PETERS IS. COLD EYE GIVES YA THE CREEPS.
HE'S AN ASSASSIN! NEVER LOST A FIGHT.
JOE LOOKS HAGGARD
PLENTY NERVOUS I GUESS.

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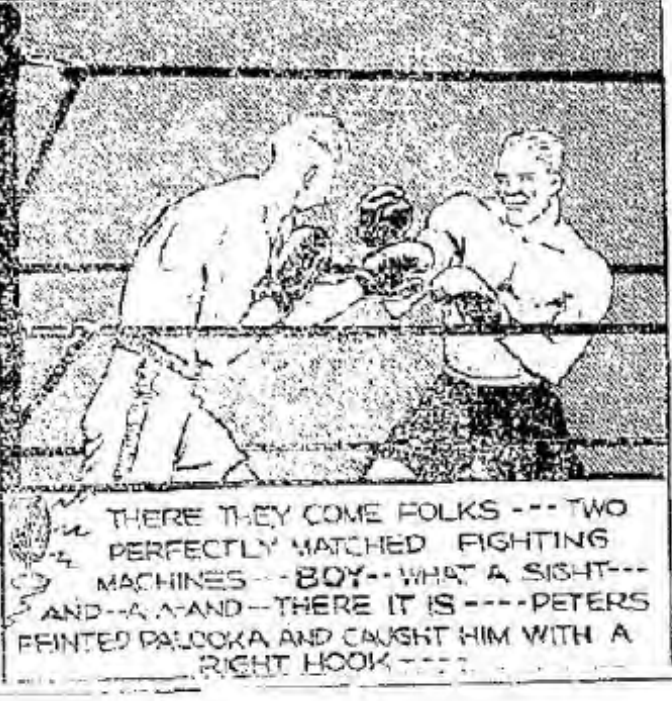
THE BOYS ENTERED THE RING AT 10:45 AFTER MANY DELAYS. THEY POSED FOR SEVERAL NEWS PICTURES AND WENT BACK TO THEIR CORNERS. PALOOKA IS WEARING THE TRUNKS HE WORE IN HIS FIRST FIGHT. THE SKY IS CLOUDING--



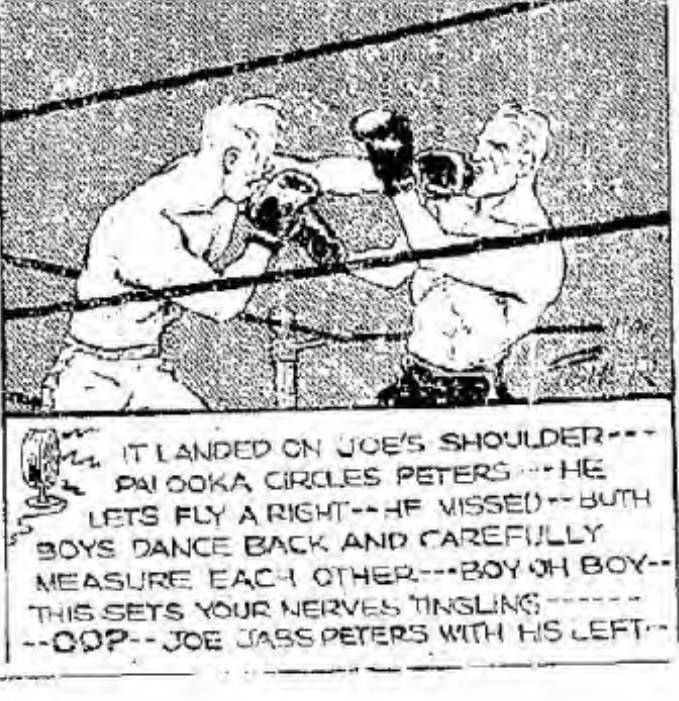
ARE YA OKAY T'GO REMEMBER-- KEEP AWAY FROM HIS RIGHT--
I NEVER FELT AS GOOD BEFORE AN' TELL ANN FER ME WHEN 'YOUSE CLIMS OUT.



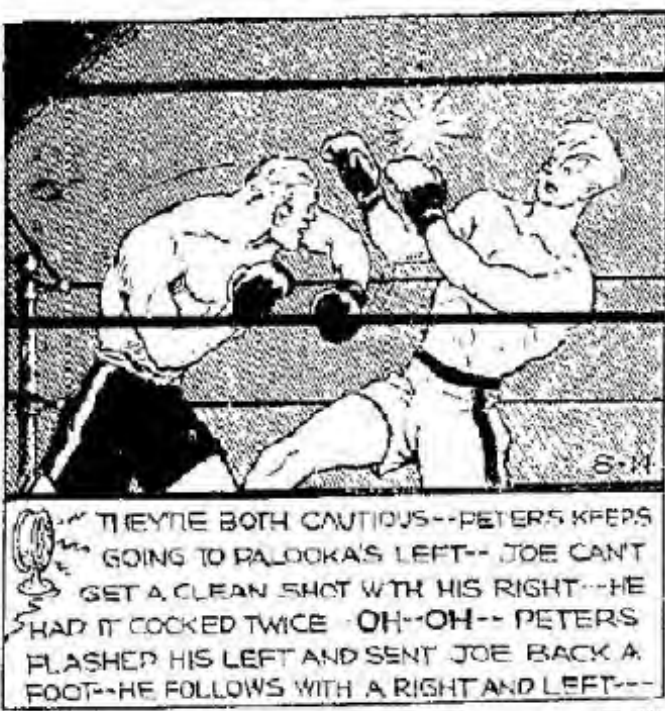
T-THERE'S TH' B-BELL-- K-KEEP TH' L-LEFT S-SHOULDER UP-- G-GOOD L-LUCK B-BABY--
STOP WOREYIN' KNOBBY.



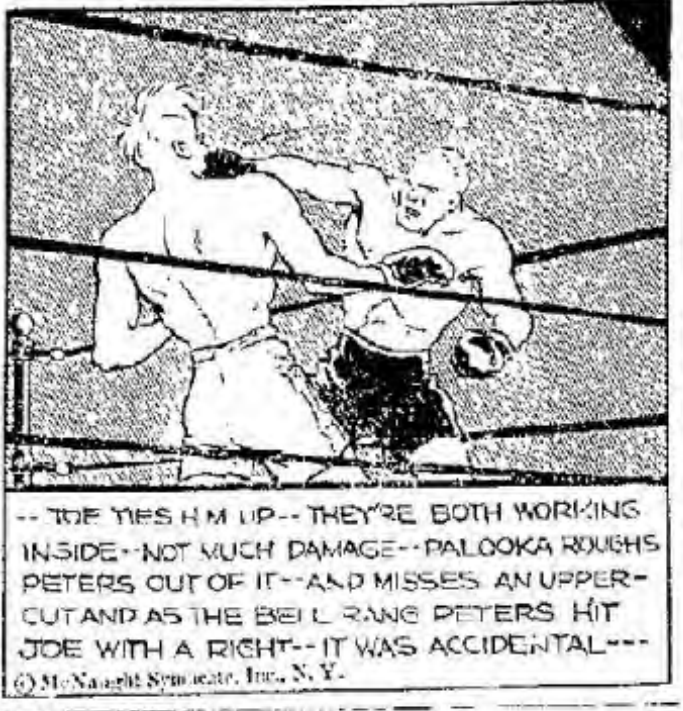
THERE THEY COME FOLKS-- TWO PERFECTLY MATCHED FIGHTING MACHINES-- BOY-- WHAT A SIGHT-- AND-- A-- AND-- THERE IT IS-- PETERS PRINTED PALOOKA AND CAUGHT HIM WITH A RIGHT HOOK--



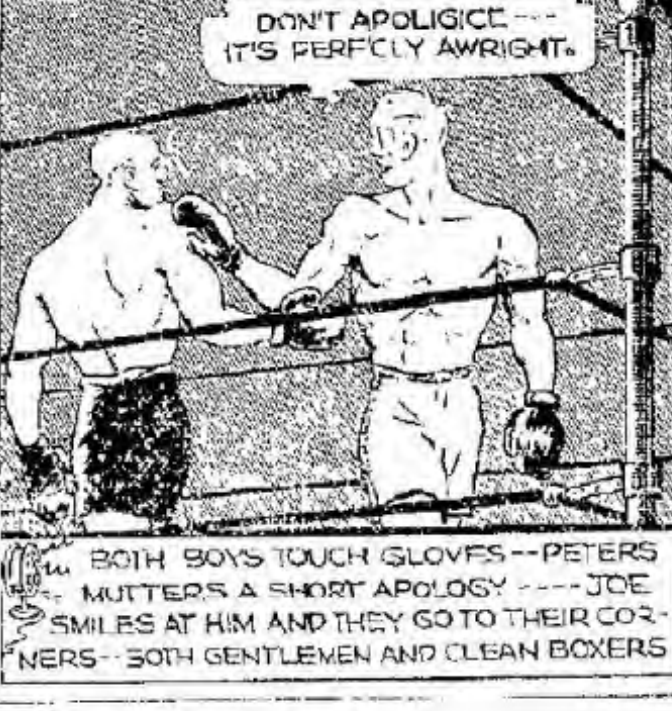
IT LANDED ON JOE'S SHOULDER-- PALOOKA CIRCLES PETERS-- HE LETS FLY A RIGHT-- HE VISSED-- BOTH BOYS DANCE BACK AND CAREFULLY MEASURE EACH OTHER-- BOY OH BOY-- THIS SETS YOUR NERVES TINGLING-- OOP-- JOE JASS PETERS WITH HIS LEFT--



THEY'RE BOTH CAUTIOUS-- PETERS KEEPS GOING TO PALOOKA'S LEFT-- JOE CAN'T GET A CLEAN SHOT WITH HIS RIGHT-- HE HAD IT COCKED TWICE-- OH-- OH-- PETERS FLASHED HIS LEFT AND SENT JOE BACK A FOOT-- HE FOLLOWS WITH A RIGHT AND LEFT--



JOE YES HM UP-- THEY'RE BOTH WORKING INSIDE-- NOT MUCH DAMAGE-- PALOOKA ROUGHS PETERS OUT OF IT-- AND MISSES AN UPPER CUT AND AS THE BELL RINGS PETERS HIT JOE WITH A RIGHT-- IT WAS ACCIDENTAL--



DON'T APOLOGICE-- IT'S PERFECTLY AWRIGHT.
BOTH BOYS TOUCH GLOVES-- PETERS MUTTERS A SHORT APOLOGY-- JOE SMILES AT HIM AND THEY GO TO THEIR CORNERS-- BOTH GENTLEMEN AND CLEAN BOXERS



HE'S GITTING TO YA WITH HIS RIGHT-- FER GOSH SAKE KEEP YER CHIN TUCKED IN--
AWRIGHT-- THAN 'K 'YOUSE DIDN'T SEE AN' WHERE'S SHE SETTING?
STEP IN THIS RESIN, JOE.



IF IT RAINS GIT MISS HOWE MY COAT AN' A UMBRELLA SMOKEY.
HE CAN'T GO, HE'S NEEDED RIGHT HERE.
ROUND TWO COMING UP-- IT'S GOING TO RAIN-- THERE'S THE BUZZER-- HOPE THAT RAIN HOLDS OFF-- PETERS IS ON HIS FEET-- PALOOKA HASN'T RISEN YET--



I INSIS-- I WONT BE ABLE T'KEEP MY MIND ON THE FIGHT.
AWRIGHT-- G'WAN SMOKEY. NOW DON'T TAKE NO CHANCES-- PLAY 'IM SAFE-- HE'S PLENTY DANGEROUS.



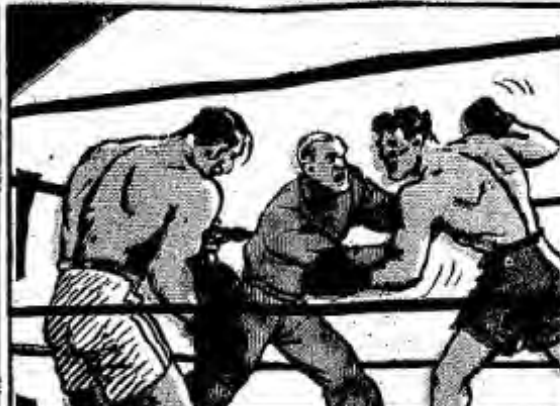
KEEP GOIN' TER 'IS LEFT, THEN THE QUICK TURN-- KETCH ON?
RIGHTO ZARGE.
THEY MEET WITH A RUSH-- A FAST EXCHANGE-- IT'S HARD TO TELL WHO'S LANDIN-- I THINK PETERS HAS THE EDGE--



THEY CLINCH-- THE REFEREE TUGS THEM APART-- PALOOKA CATCHES THE ANZAC WITH A BEAUTIFUL SWASH RIGHT UNDER THE HEART-- PETERS COVERS UP AND WEAVES-- HE COMES UP WITH A SHORT UPPER CUT THAT JOLTS JOE--

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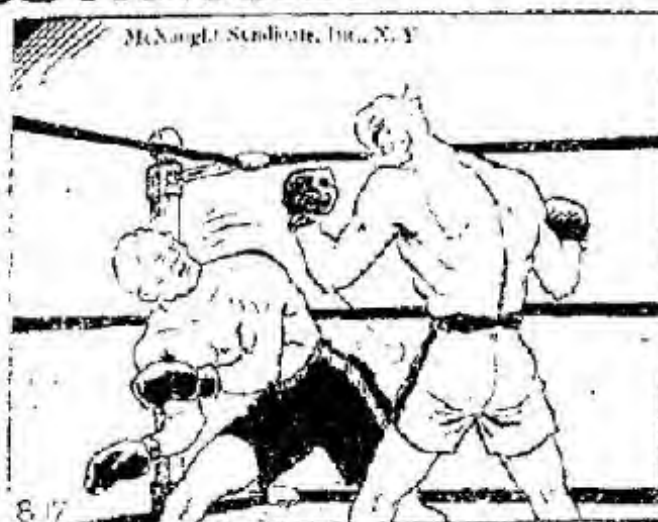


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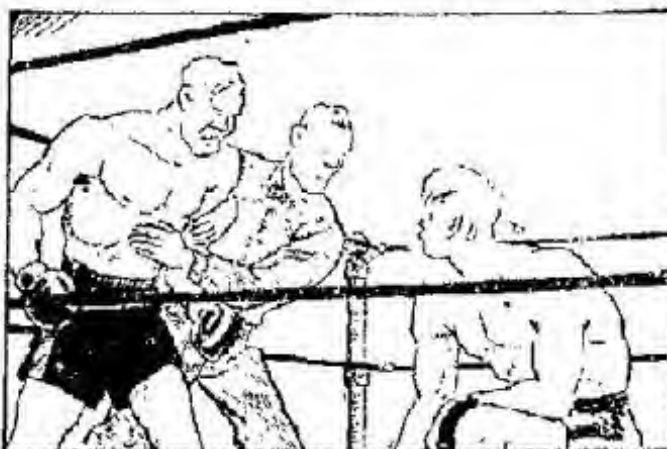
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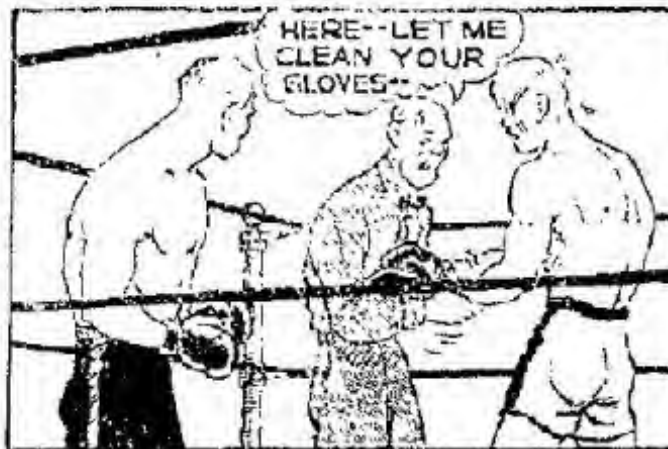




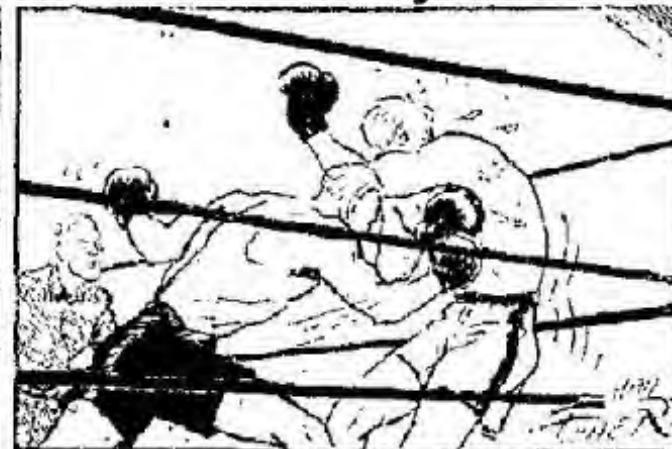
8-17
ROUND THREE COMING UP--- JOE STEPS OUT WITH A FURIOUS OFFENSIVE--- HE CATCHES PETERS WITH A SERIES OF RIGHTS AND LEFTS--- PETERS IS BACKING AWAY FAST--- JOE MANEUVERS THE AUSSIE INTO A CORNER---



-- IT WAS BEAUTIFUL--- WHAT A BOXER, BUDDY IS-- HE MADE JOE MISS WHAT APPEARED TO BE PERFECT SHOTS-- AND SLIPPED UNDER PALOOKA'S OFFENSE--- COMING OUT TO CLEAR GROUND--- JOE IS CAUGHT UNAWARES--- OH-- HE'S ON ONE KNEE--- JOE I MEAN---



HERE-- LET ME CLEAN YOUR GLOVES---
I'M NOT SURE WHETHER HE SLIPPED OR PETERS RIGHT HURT HIM-- IT'S ELECTRIFYING--- *WHEW*-- HE'S AN ASSASSIN--- JOE DIDN'T TAKE A COUNT--- HE'S UP-- THE REFEREE HOLDS PETERS OFF FOR A SECOND WHILE HE CLEANS JOE'S GLOVES---



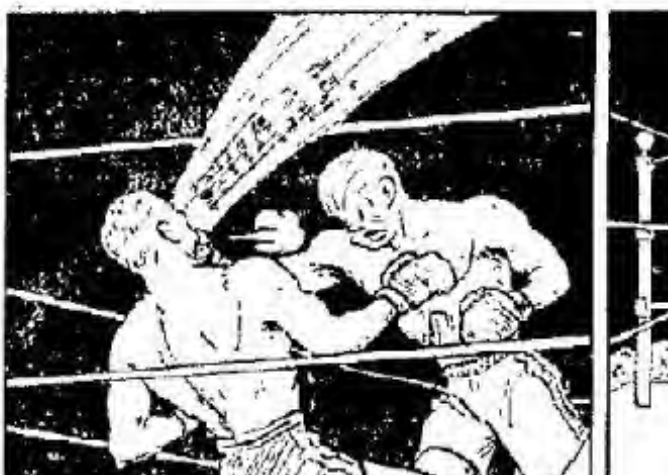
-- THEY RUSH EACH OTHER--- PETERS BLEW A LEFT JAB-- BUT CROSSED HIS RIGHT TO JOE'S MIDRIF-- IT HURT PLENTY--- THERE'S THE BELL--- IT LOOKS LIKE PETERS HAS THE EDGE--- OKAY--- LET'S HEAR A SUM UP FROM SAMMY TAUB-- TAKE IT SAMMY---



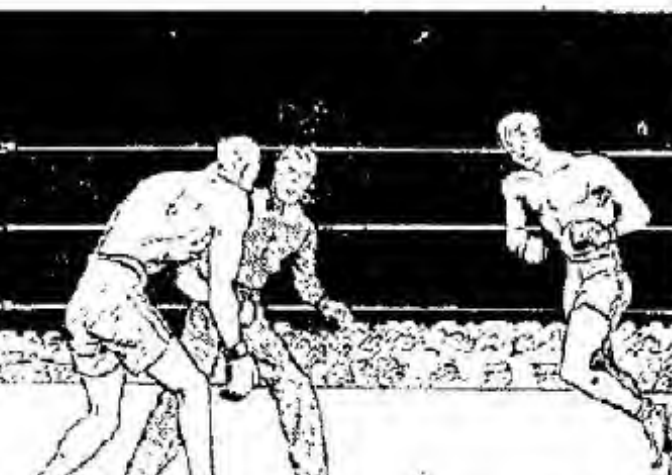
8-18
BREAK!
NO WONDER HE'S CALLED THE AUSTRALIAN ASSASSIN. DEADLY COOL, RELAXED AS SOON AS THE BELL RINGS-- NO WASTED MOTION-- HE'S A MAGNIFICENT BOXER AND BOTH HANDS SPELL KAYO. NEVER SMILES NOR WASTES WORDS.



I SEE 'ER-- AN' THERE'S SMOKEY WITH THE UMBRELLA-- NOW I FEEL BETTER.
THAT RAIN WILL BE HERE AT ANY SECOND NOW-- HOPE IT'S JUST A SHOWER--- ROUND FOUR-- THE BELL-- PETERS TRIED A RIGHT AND JOE TIED HIM UP IN A CLINCH---

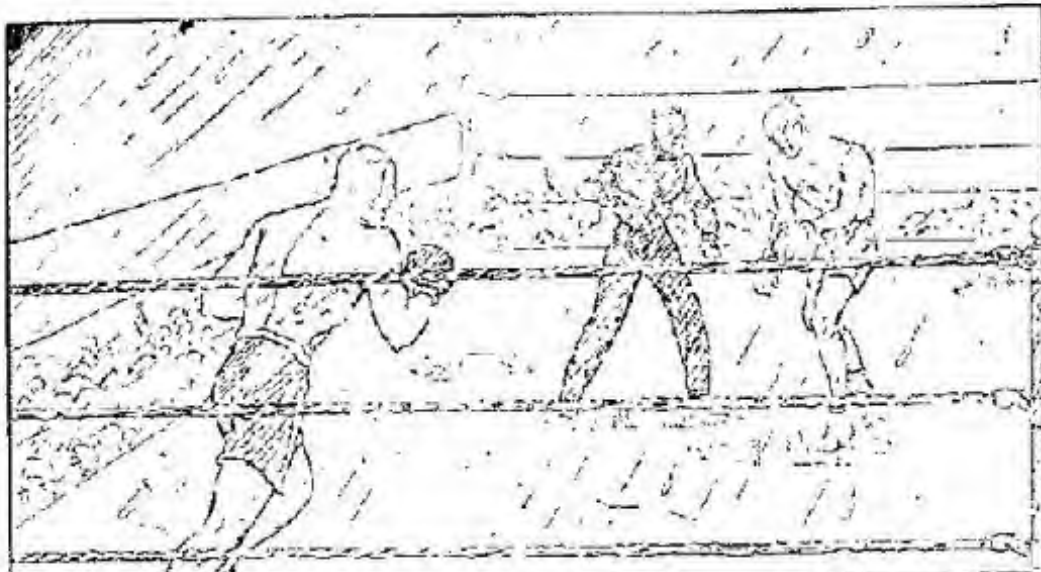


PALOOKA CAUGHT THE LAD FROM "DOWN UNDER" WITH A CRUSHING JOLT---

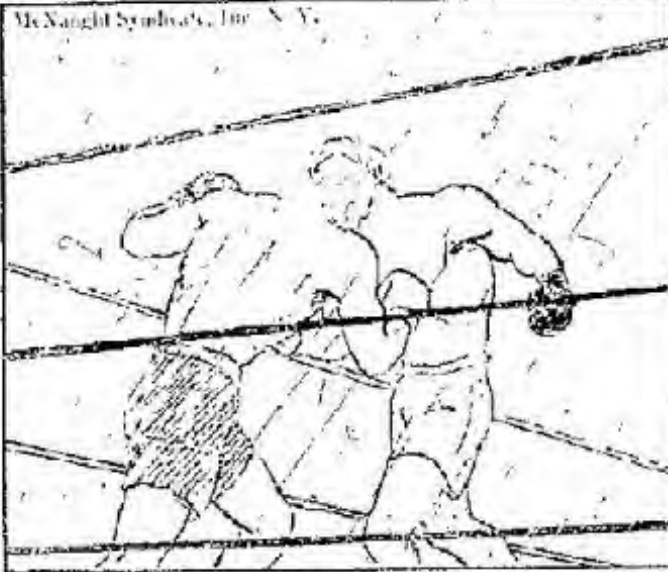


-- A-A-AND PETERS IS DOWN-- THE COUNT IS--- ONE-- TWO-- THREE-- PETERS SCRAMBLES TO HIS FEET-- JOE RUSHES FROM THE NEUTRAL CORNER-- PETERS SEEMS TO BE RECOVERED-- HE DUCKED UNDER A RIGHT---

8-19
IT'S POURING RAIN BUT IT DOESN'T SEEM TO DETER THE GLADIATORS. THE FOURTH TO THE TENTH SEES SLUGGING WITHOUT STOP. SCIENCE ISN'T MUCH GOOD HERE. IT'S THE MIDDLE OF THE TENTH ROUND. LET'S LISTEN TO HUSING---



IT'S HARD TO CALL THESE BLOWS FOLKS-- OH-- PALOOKA WENT TO THE CANVAS-- I COULDN'T SEE WHAT THE BLOW WAS-- HE'S UP-- HE WAITS FOR PETERS WHO'S RUSHING TOWARD HIM AND-- AND--



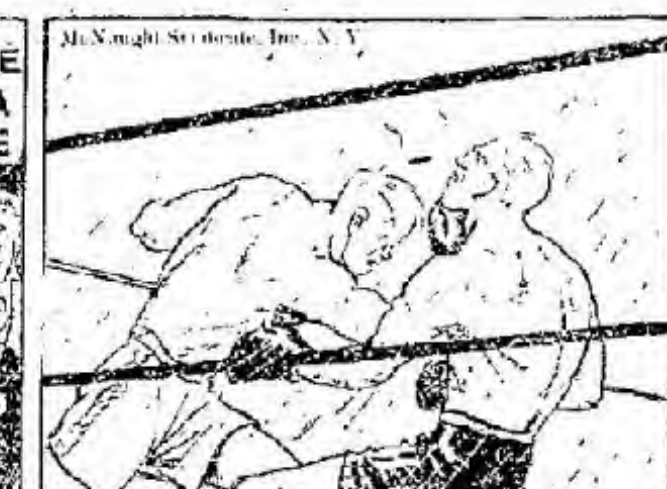
HE CAUGHT THE AUSTRALIAN WITH A LEFT-- PETERS IS DOWN-- HE'S UP-- PALOOKA'S DOWN-- HE'S UP-- THEY'RE SLUGGING-- THERE'S THE BELL



A-ARE YA HURT KID? *WHEW* TAKE A GARGE MISTAH JOE. I DON'T NEED IT.



8-20
JOE DIDN'T TELL KNOBBY. NO ONE KNOWS IT, BUT HE IS IN AGONY. HE SPRAINED HIS ANKLE IN THAT LAST ROUND-- LET'S LISTEN TO THE ANNOUNCER



THE CROWD IS GOING WILD--- GOODNITE--- PALOOKA SENT AN UPPERCUT SMASHING TO PETER'S BUTT-- PETERS IS DOWN-- THE REFEREE IS COUNTING---



ONE-- TWO-- THREE-- HE SEES JOE STANDING BEHIND HIM-- HE'S STOPPED COUNTING-- HE SENDS JOE TO A NEUTRAL CORNER-- HE'S RESUMING THE COUNT-- FOUR-- FIVE-- THERE'LL BE PLENTY OF HOWL ABOUT THIS-- THE TIMEKEEPER HAS THE COUNT AT TEN--



COME BACK HERE KNOBBY-- KEEP COOL--- LEMME GO--- LEMME GO-- TH' CROOKS-- HE'S OUT!



8-21
PETERS IS BACKING AWAY-- PALOOKA SLOWLY SHUFFLES TOWARD HIM-- WHY DOESN'T HE GO IN FOR THE KILL---



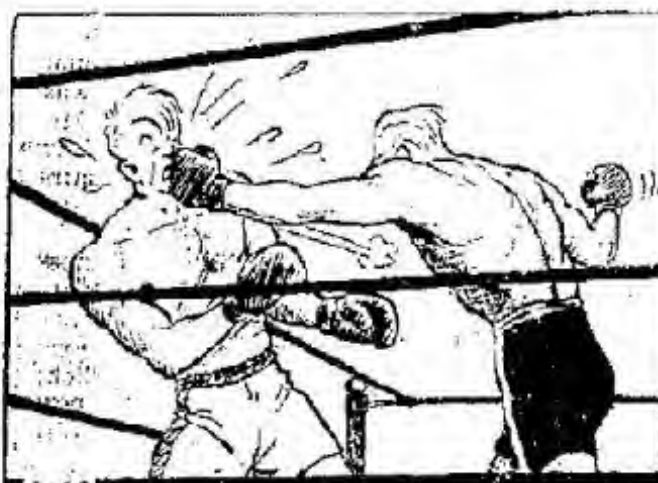
OH-- I WISH I COULD-- UGH-- THIS ANKLE'S KILLIN' ME---



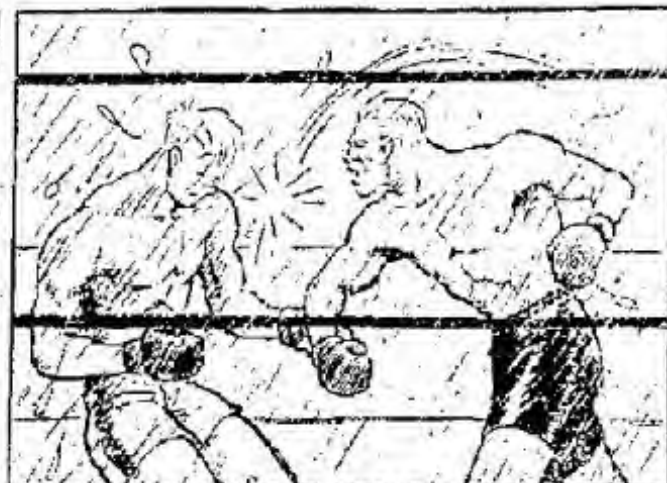
SOMETHIN'S WRONG WHY IN BUDDY'S THROUGH-- HE COULDN'T FINISH 'ER. I KNOW IT, I'M GOIN' OUT T'GET 'IM.



WHAT IS IT KID? SOMETHIN'S WRONG--- NOTHING I TELL YOUSE-- JUST LEMME ALONE PLEASE.



8-22
IT'S THE LAST ROUND FOLKS-- PETERS COMES OUT LOOKING VERY REFRESHED-- HE'S WEAVING-- AND COMING STRAIGHT FOR JOE-- HE HOOKED WITH A LEFT-- AND JOE COULDN'T GET OUT OF THE WAY---



OF A RIGHT CROSS-- IT CRASHED UNDER THE HEART-- PALOOKA'S DOWN-- HE ROLLS OVER ON HIS BACK-- HE SEEMS TO BE OUT COLD-- WHOOEY-- WHAT A SOCK-- IT'S SUDDENLY STARTED TO POUR AGAIN---



GEE WHIZ-- WHERE AM I? SIX-- SEVEN--



PALOOKA BLOCKED HIS RUSH-- THEY CLINCH-- PETERS RUSHES IN-- PALOOKA CONNECTED A TERRIBLE SMASH TO PETER'S STOMACH-- HIS GUARD CAME DOWN AND JOE HOOKED A CYCLONIC LEFT-- PETER'S KNEES ARE BUCKLING---



WE'LL PASS UP JIMMY BRADDOCK, AND HOW HE WON THE TITLE FROM BAKER, UNTIL WE GIVE THE HISTORY OF BRADDOCK. AFTER LOSING THE TITLE, MAX WAS MATCHED TO FIGHT JOE LOUIS, THE BROWN BOMBER--



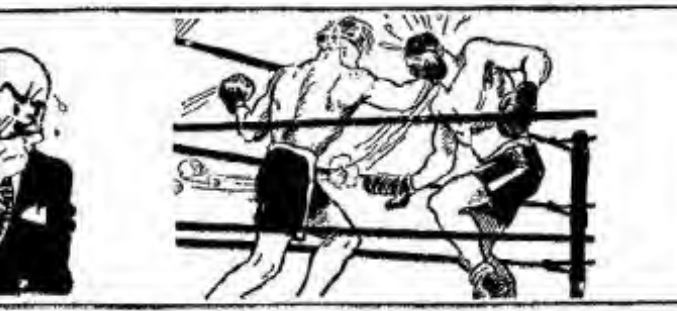
LOUIS NAME HAD BECOME BAD NEWS TO ALL FISTICUFFERS. HIS RISE FROM A DETROIT AMATEUR TO THE MOST OMINOUS THREAT FOR HEAVYWEIGHT HONORS WAS SENSATIONAL. A MATCH WAS MADE AND MAX CONTINUED TO DO NIGHT CLUBS--



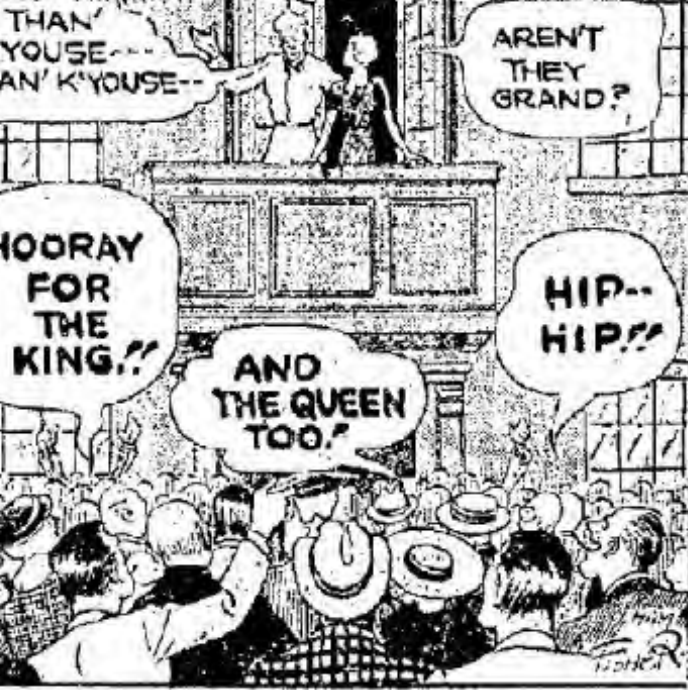
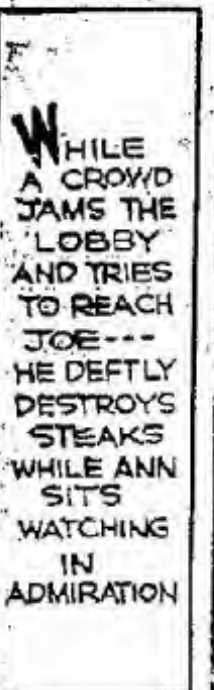
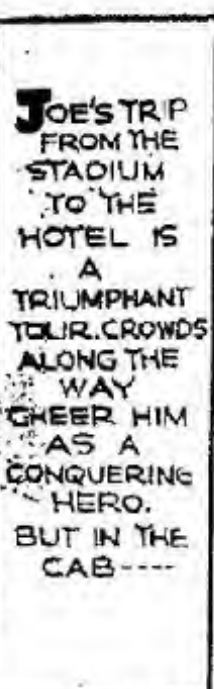
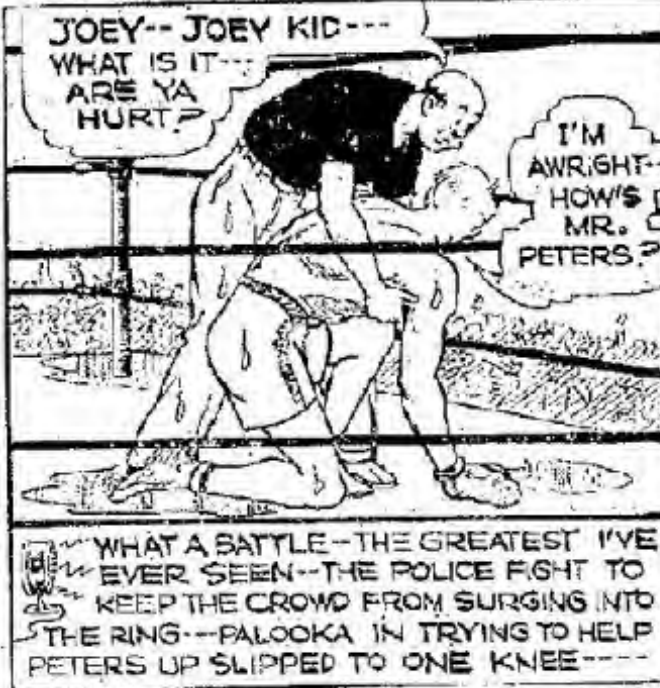
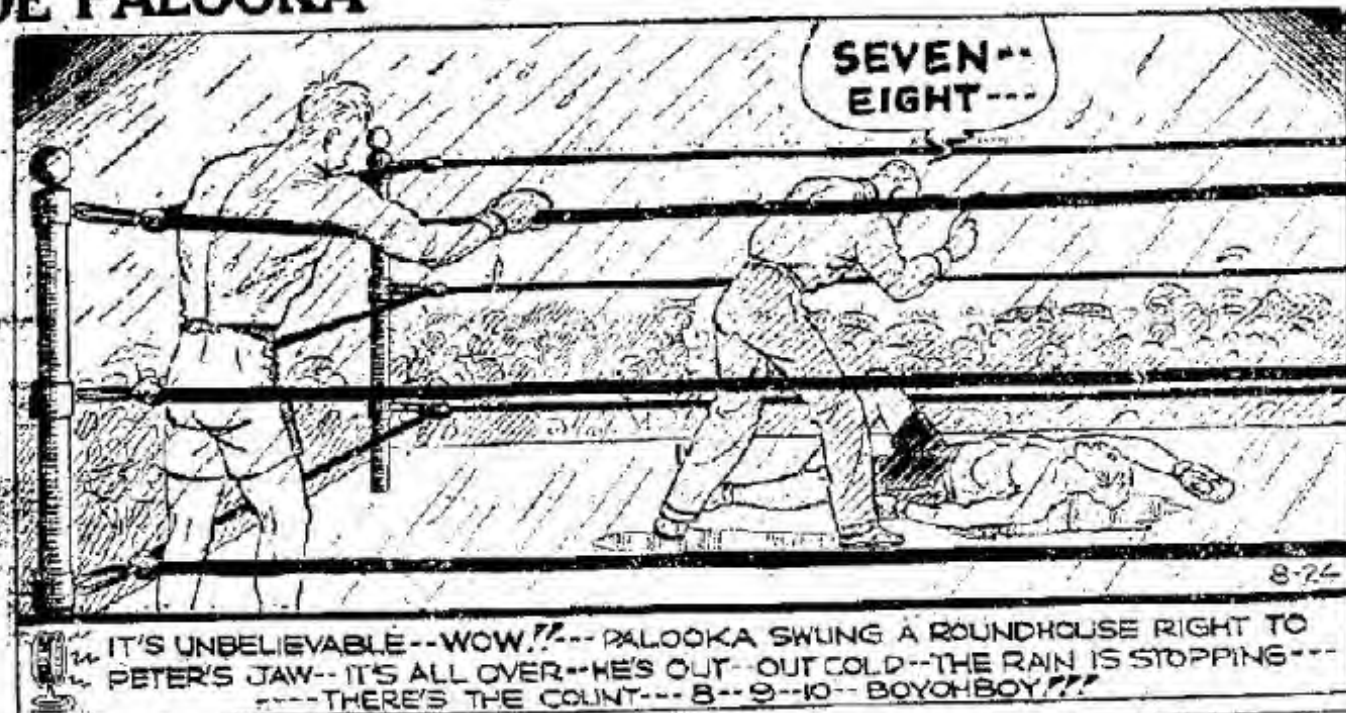
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BRADDOCK
HAD UPSET
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WHAT NOW?
WOULD MAX
REDEEM HIM-
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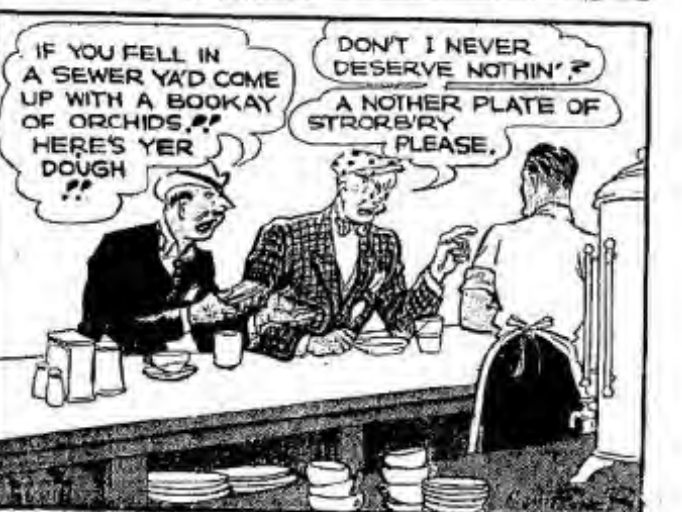
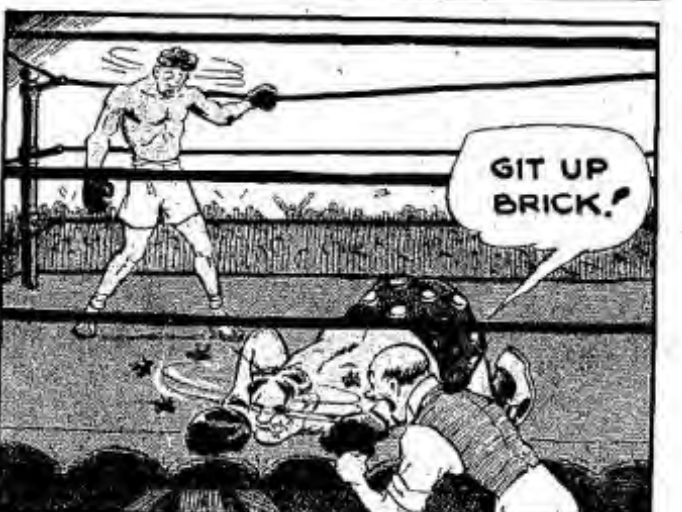
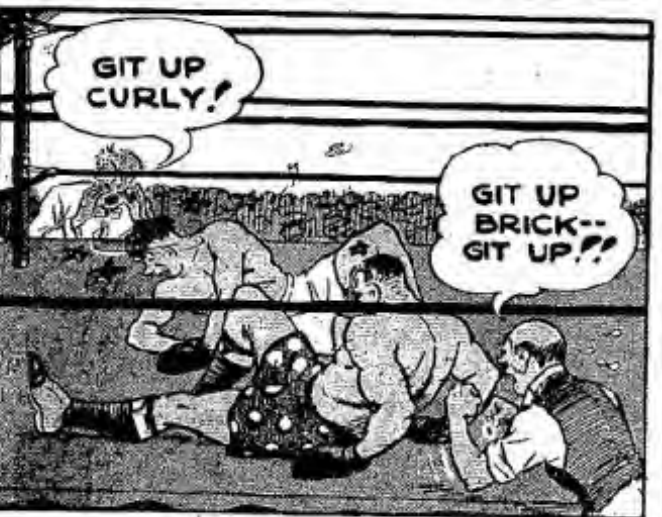
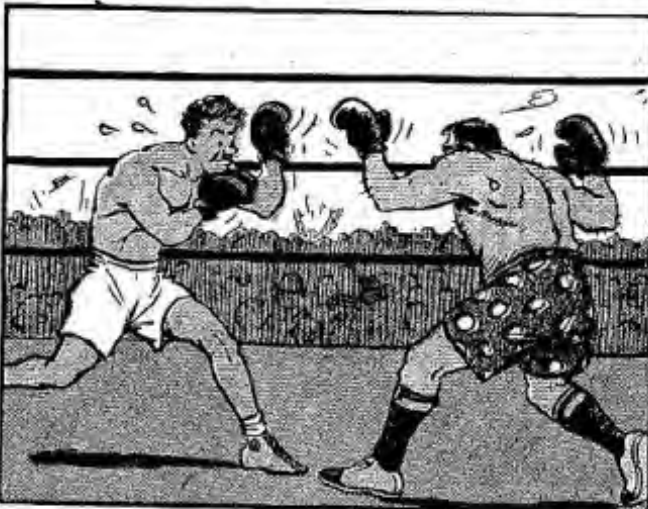
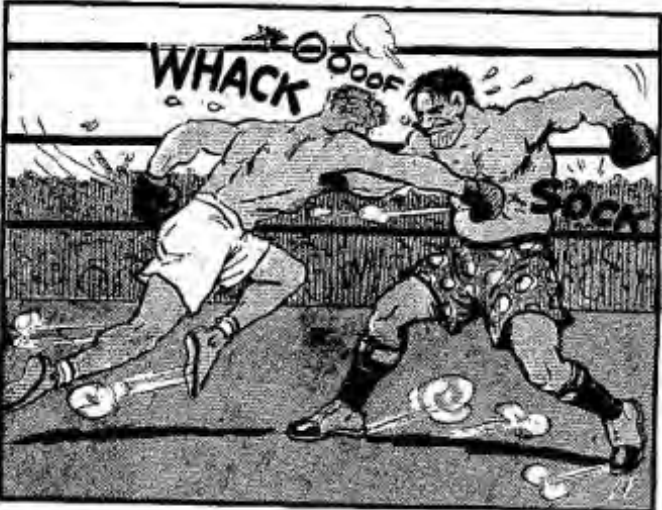
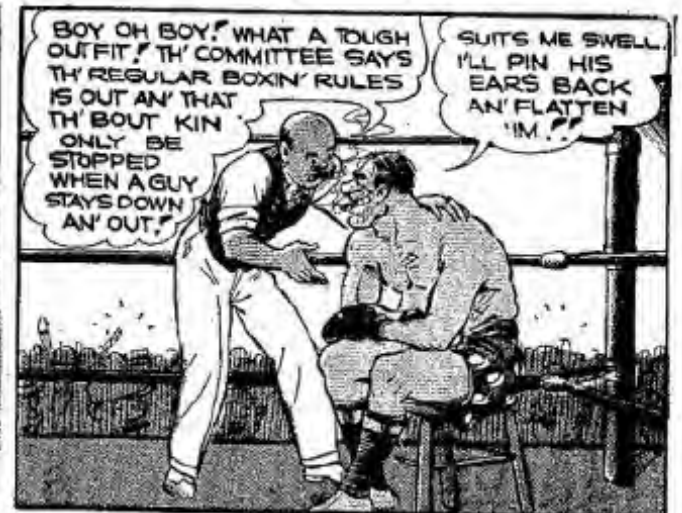
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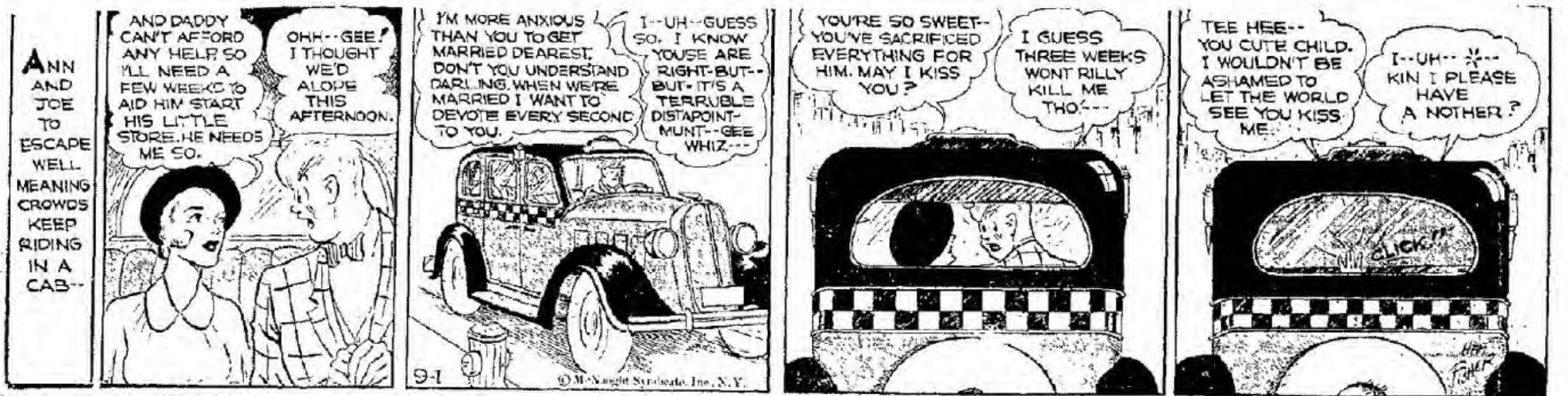


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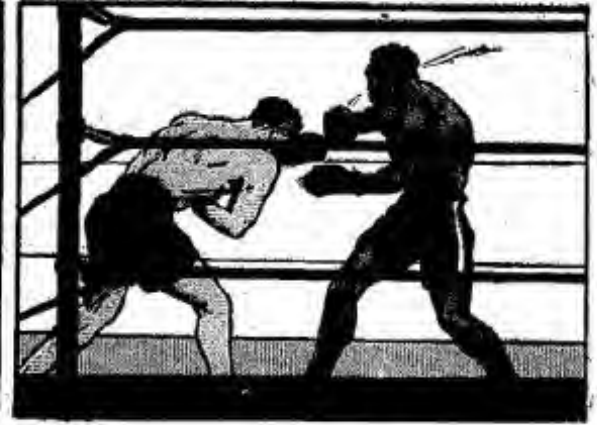
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JACK DEMPSEY WAS IN MAX'S CORNER. THE OLD MAULER EARNESTLY WHISPERED ENCOURAGEMENT TO THE JITTERY BAER. THE BELL RANG AND INSTEAD OF COMING OUT FIGHTING AS PER DEMPSEY'S INSTRUCTIONS MAX CAME OUT BOXING.

STOP BOXING,
MAX - PUNCH!



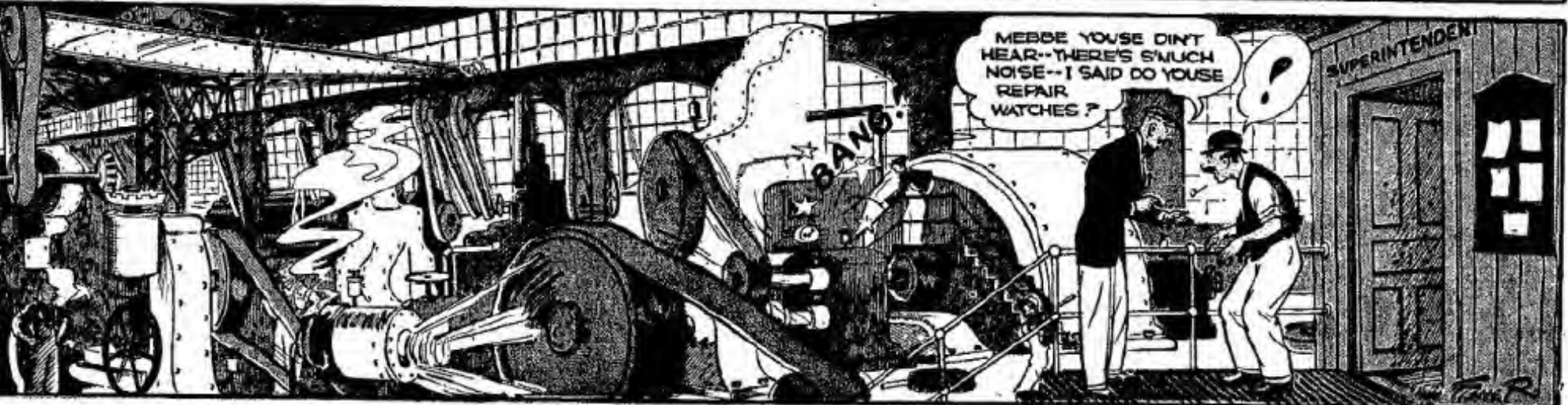
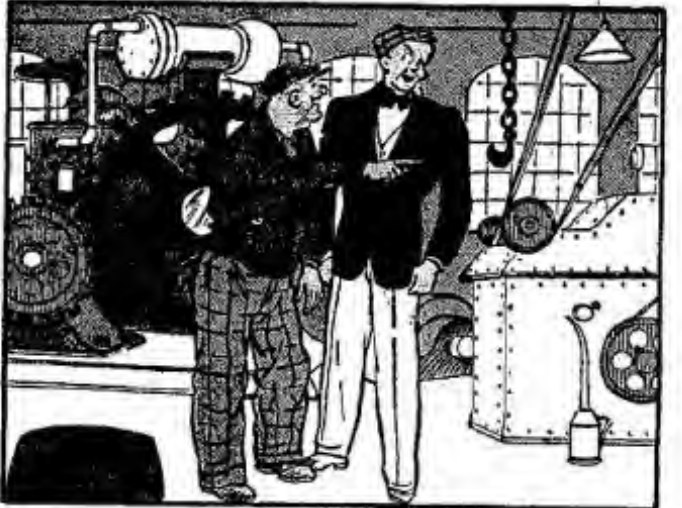
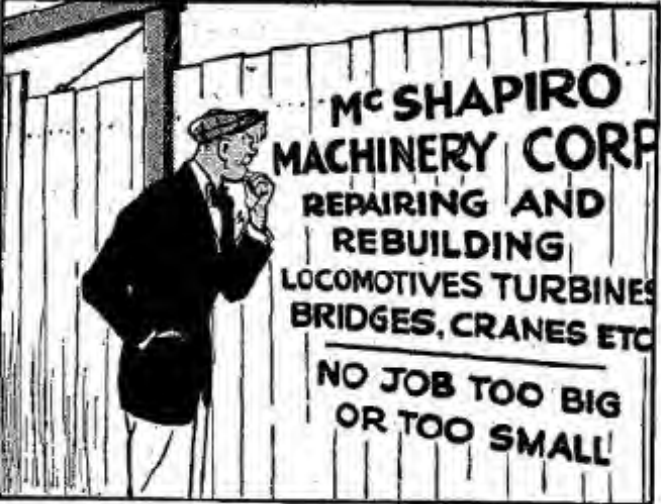
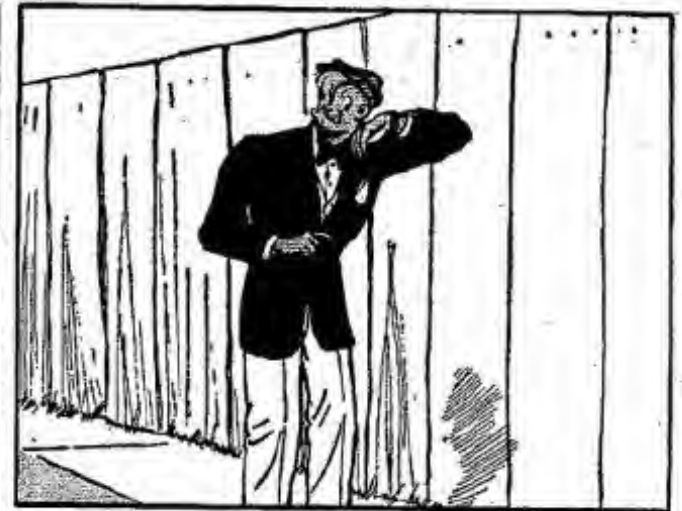
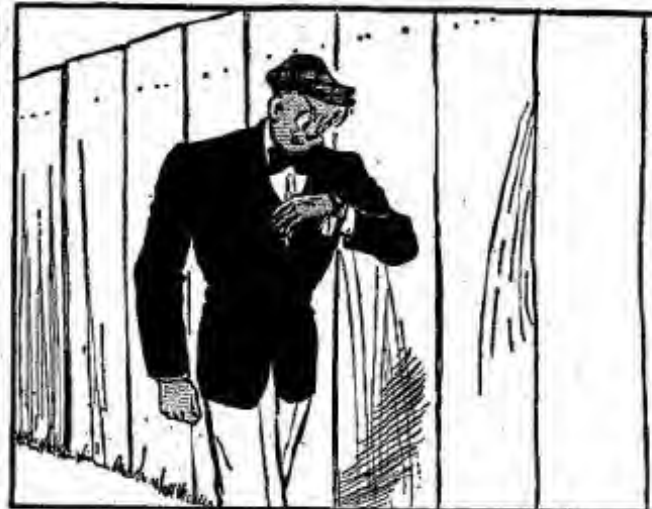
NINETY-THOUSAND FANS SAW JOE LOUIS PUMMEL MAX THROUGH TWO ROUNDS. THE CALIFORNIA BEAUTY DIDN'T RETURN FIVE PUNCHES. IN THE THIRD LOUIS WHIPPED OVER A RIGHT AND BAER HIT THE CANVAS FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HIS CAREER.

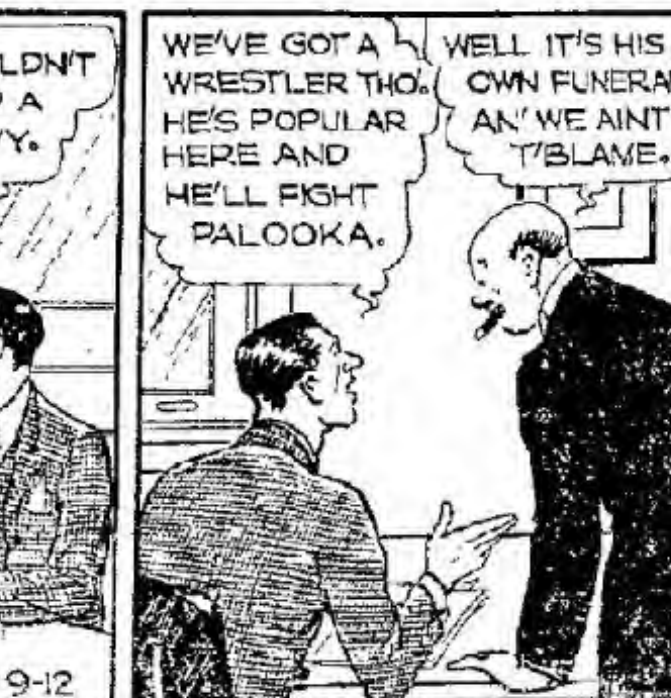


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BAER TOOK A SHORT COUNT AFTER THE FIRST KNOCKDOWN. HE GOT TO HIS FEET AND LOUIS FLOORED HIM. THE BELL SAVED HIM.



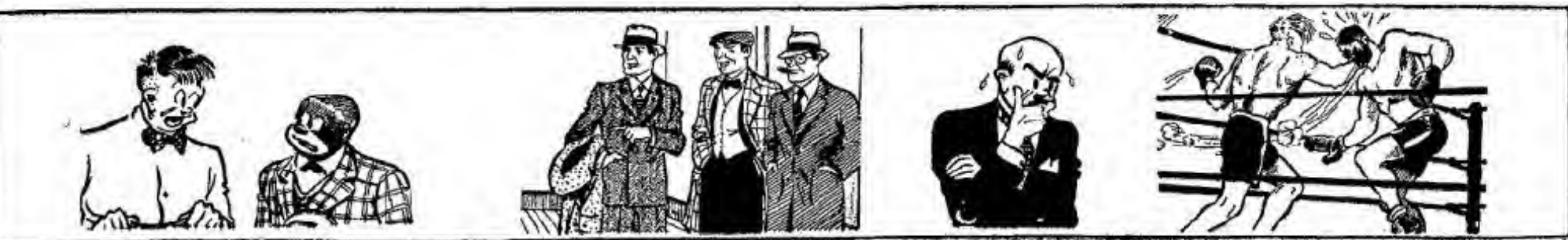
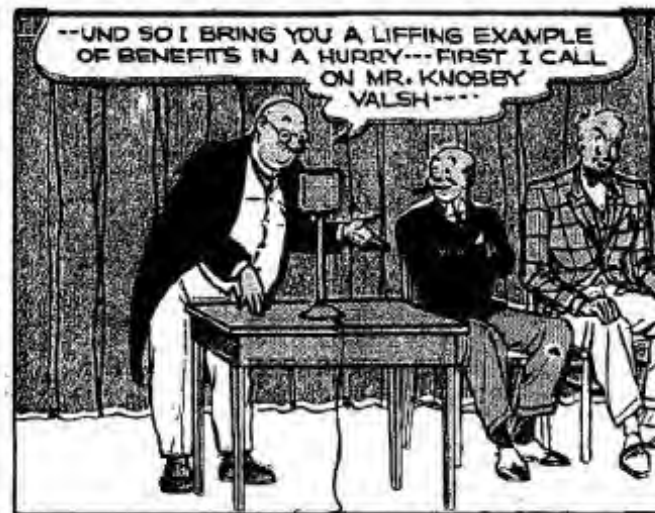
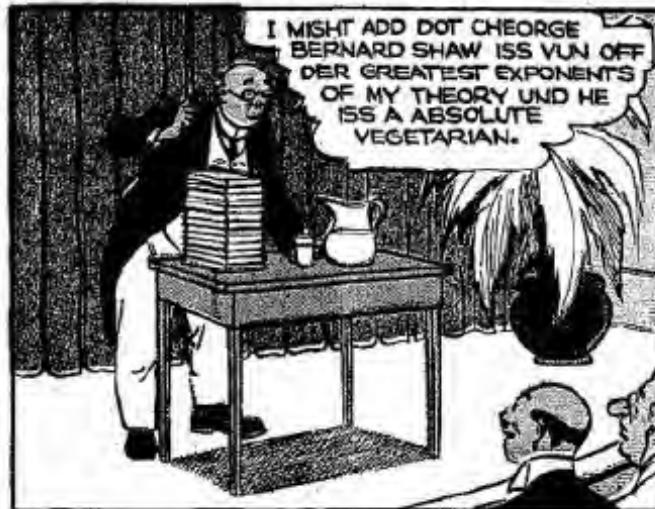
A FIGHT TO THE CHIN SENT MAX DOWN AGAIN AND HE WAS COUNTED OUT WHILE ON ONE KNEE. BAER DIDN'T RETURN ENOUGH BLOWS IN THE FIGHT TO STOP A FEATHERWEIGHT.

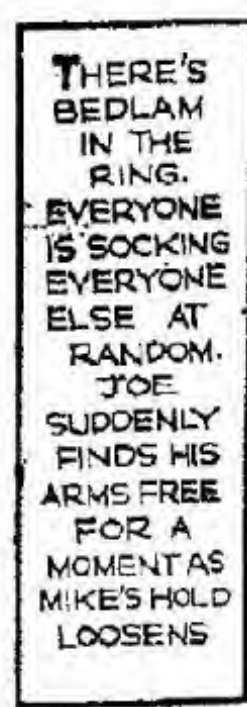
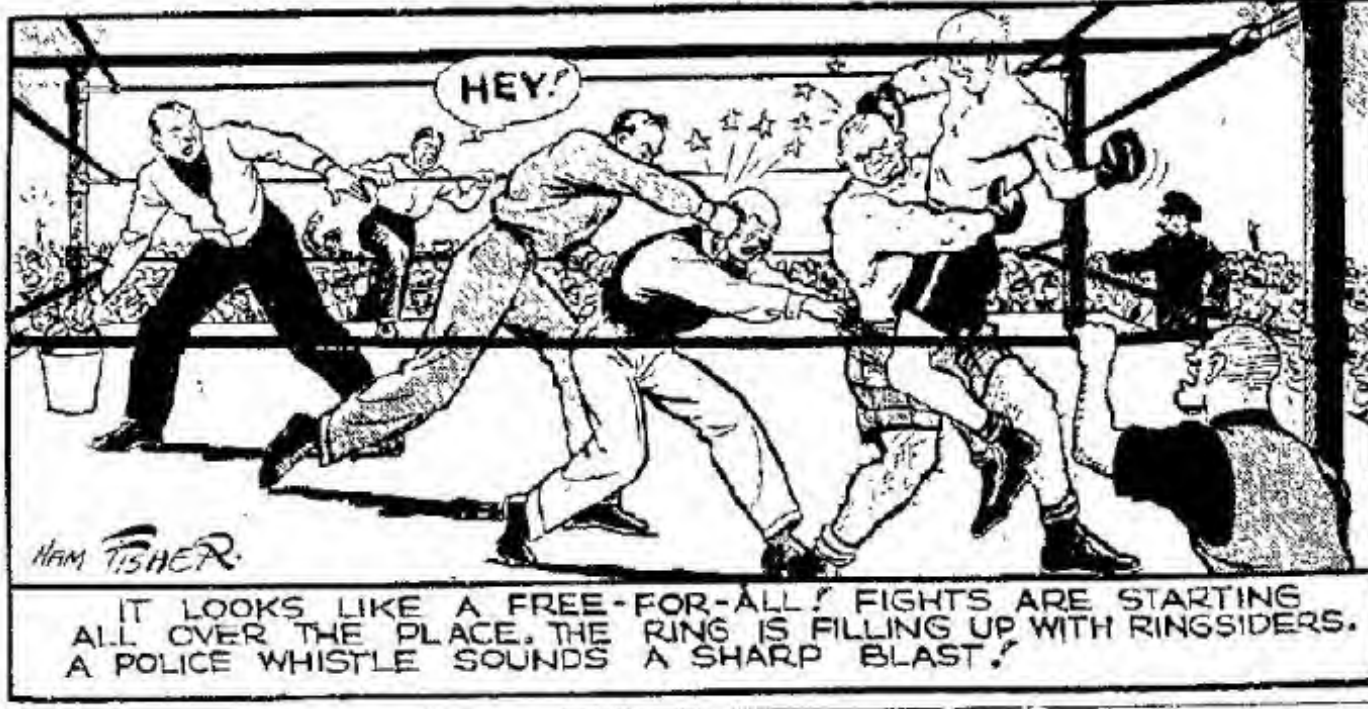
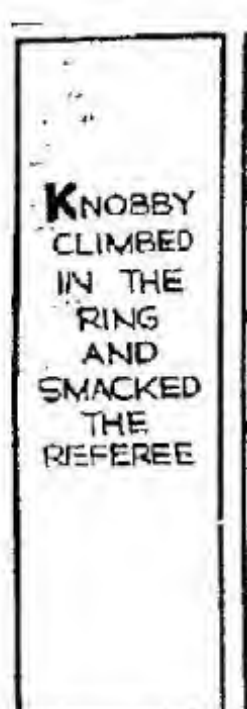
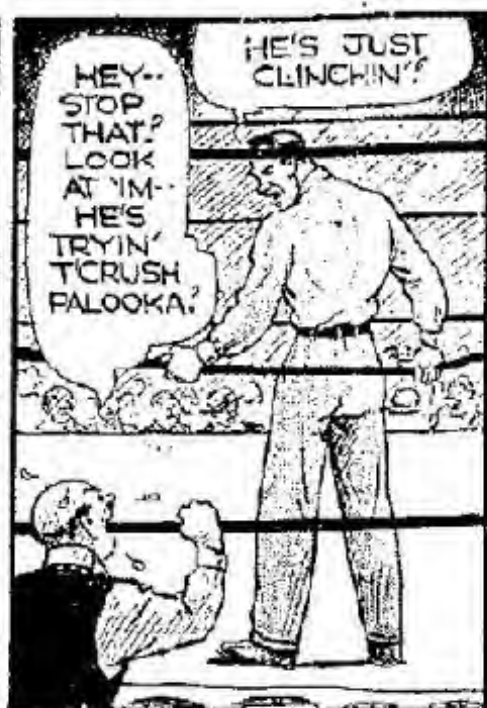
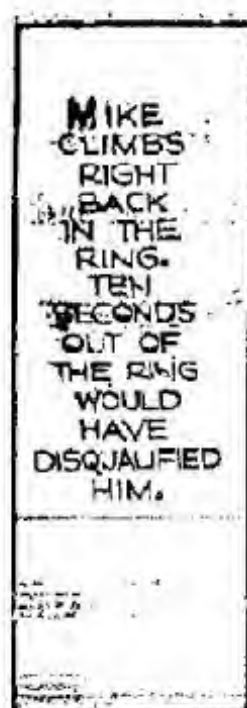
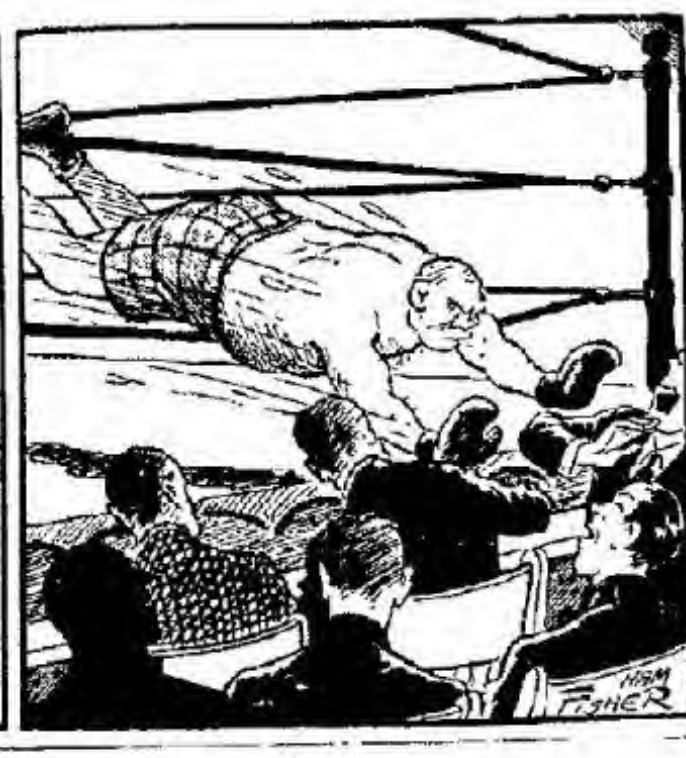
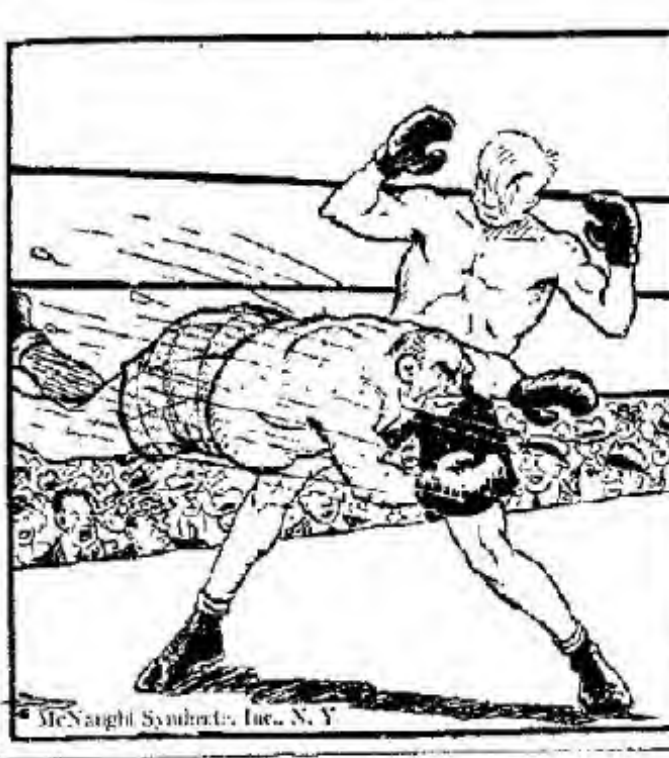
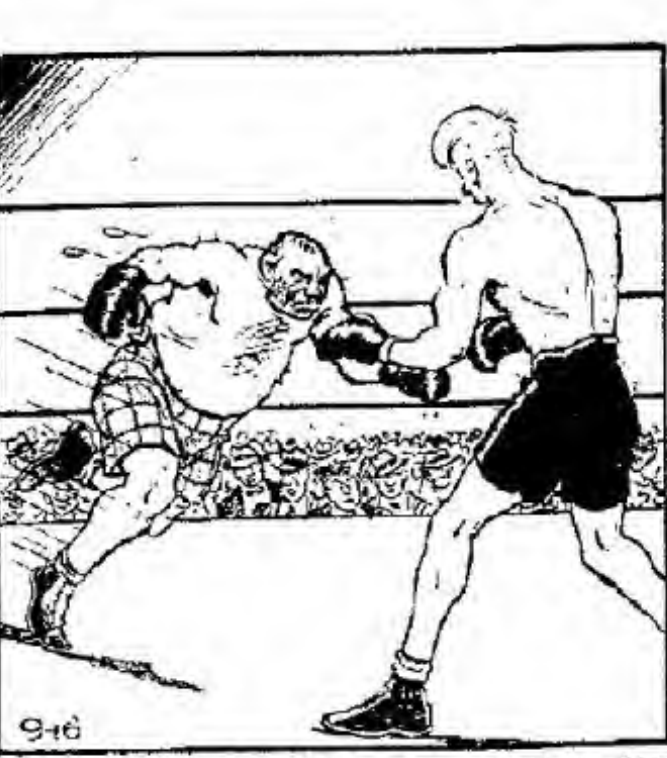
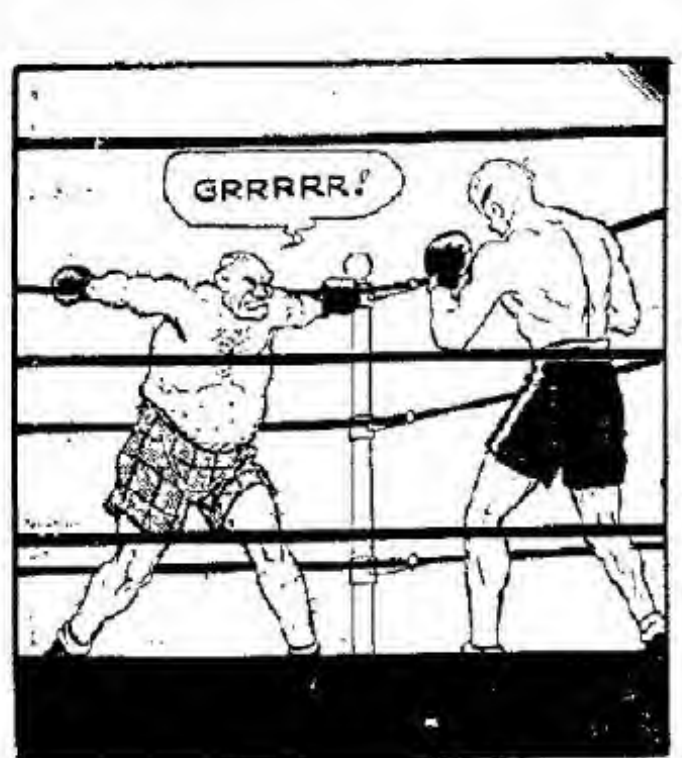
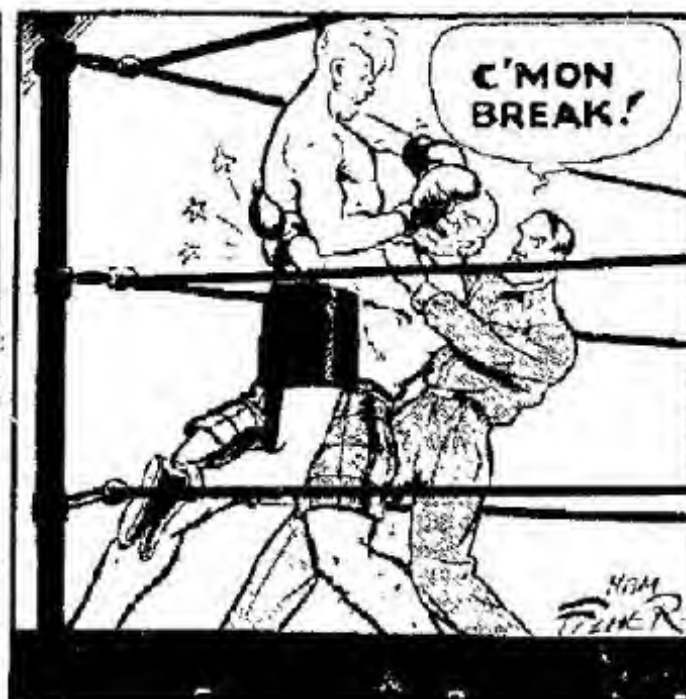
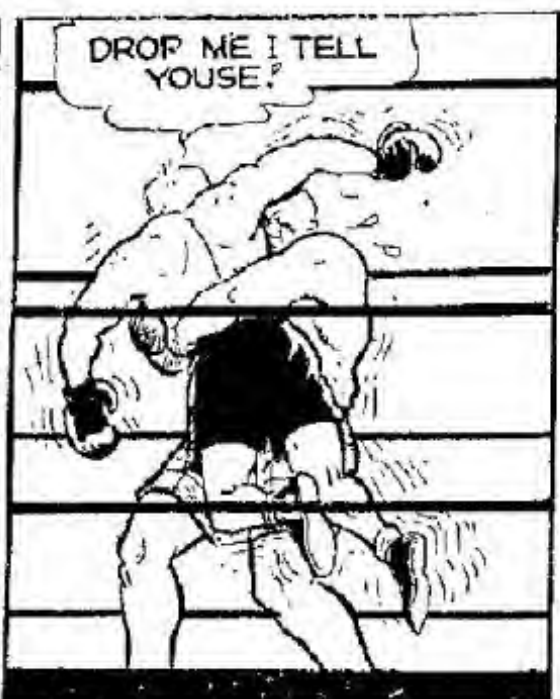
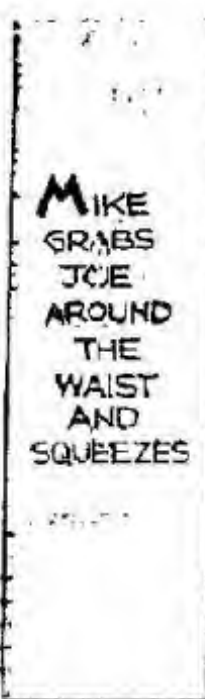
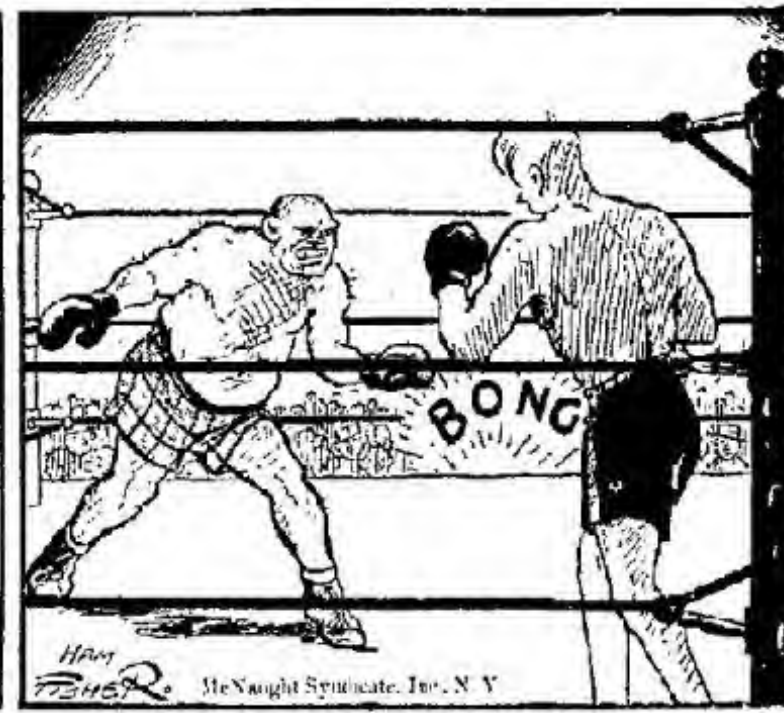


THE HORDES OF FRIENDS OF THE BRIGHT LIGHTS STAYED AWAY IN DROVES. MAX WENT BACK TO CALIFORNIA THROUGH WITH THE RING. SINCE LOUIS' DEFEAT BY SCHMELLING MAX IS AGAIN TRYING OUT IN THE STICKS FOR A COMEBACK.

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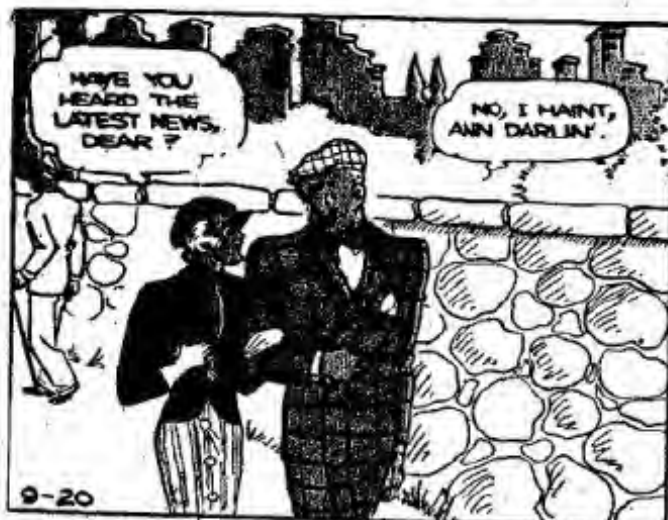
THEY SAID WE WAS
THROUGH---BUT NOW
WE GOT A GRAND
JUST FOR STEPPIN'
ON A GRAPE!!
HEH---HEH!!

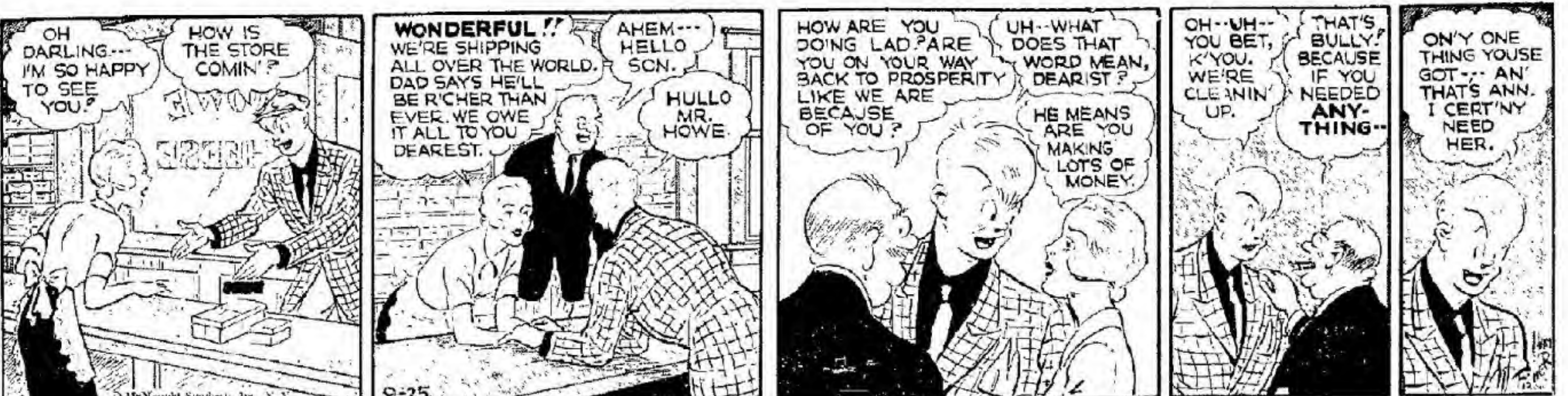
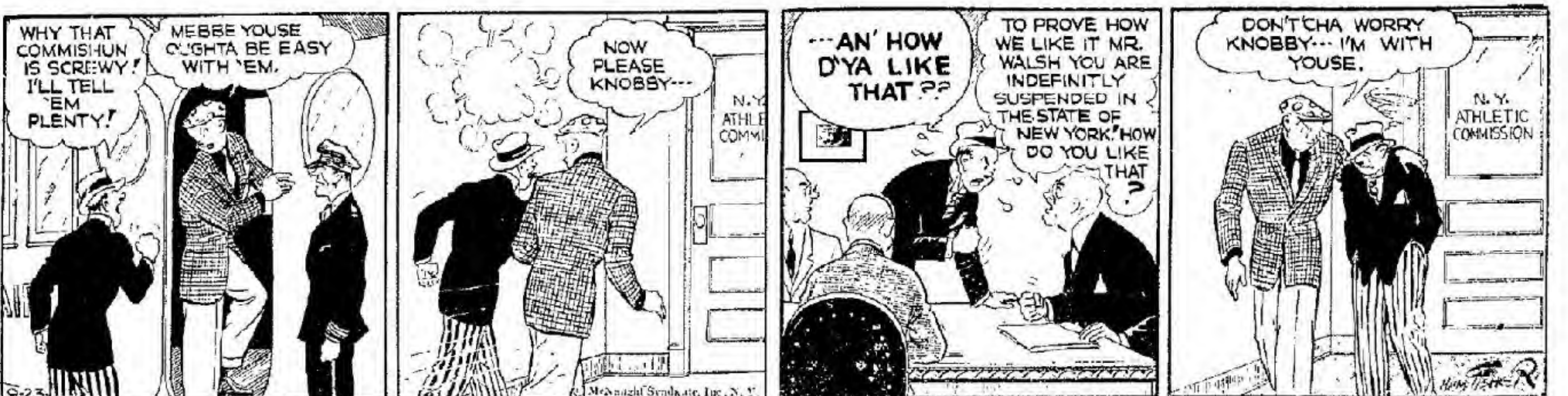


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NO JOB, PRIVATION,
HUNGER AND A WIFE
AND THREE BABIES
TO FEED ON THE
PITANCE GIVEN BY
THE RELIEF BOARD
AND THEN OVERNIGHT
WORLD'S HEAVIEST
CHAMPION,
LUXURY, FAME---
BUT WE'RE GETTING
AHEAD OF OUR STORY.
OUR HERO HAS
TO BE BORN.

YE'VE JST
BECOME
THE FATHER
OF A BY,
BRADDOCK.

GLORY BE!
HEY YOU FELLAS
TAKE THIS
PIANA UP
YERSELVES.

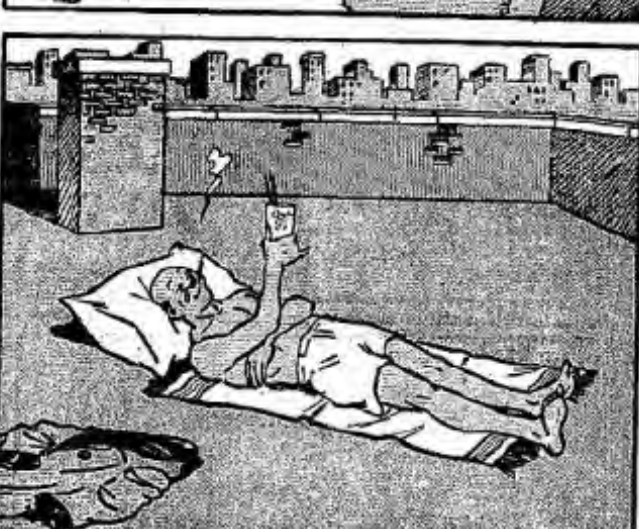
OF PURE
BLOOD
JIMMY BRADDOCK
WAS BORN IN
NEW YORK CITY
DECEMBER 5TH 1905.
HE WEIGHED SEVENTEEN
POUNDS AT BIRTH
AND WAS A CHIP OF
THE OLD BLOCK.
THE SENIOR BRADDOCK
A HUGE MAN
COULD HANDLE HIS
DUKE'S TO GREAT
EFFECT.

HE'S A BROTH OF A LAD,
LET'S NAME HIM JAMES J.
AFTER THE GREAT
JEFFRIES.

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JIMMY BRADDOCK LEARNED TO HANDLE HIS DUKES EARLY IN LIFE. THE FAMILY HAD MOVED TO JERSEY AND LIFE ALONG THE DOCKS MEANT PLENTY OF SCRAPS.



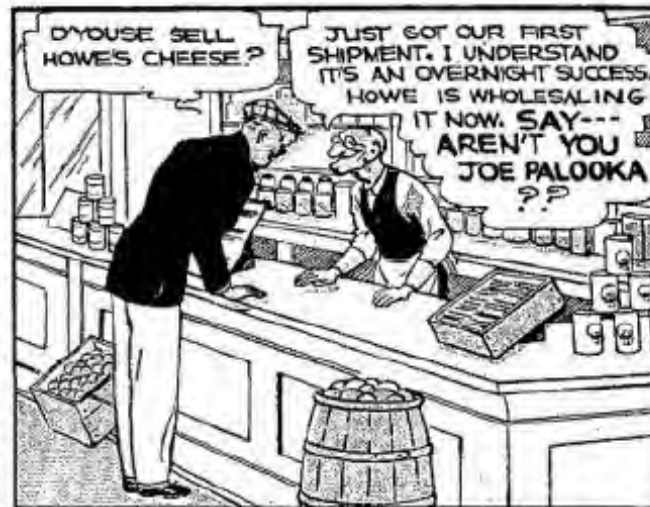
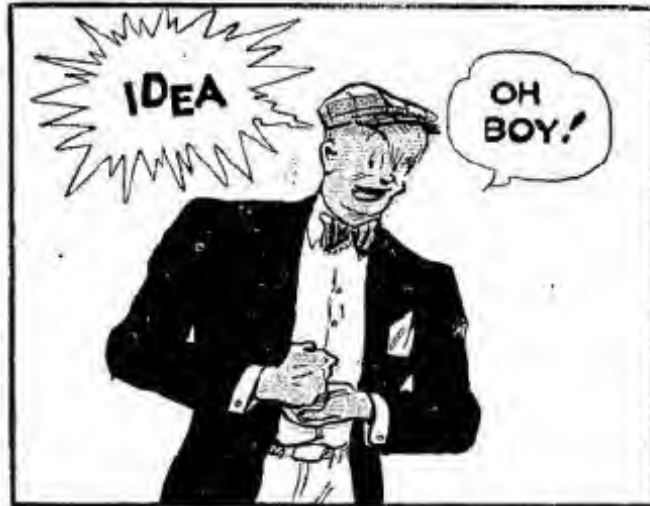
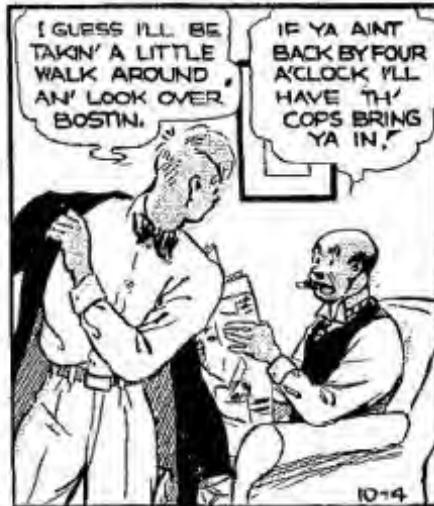
JIMMY HATED SCHOOL, WHICH HE GREATLY REGRETS NOW, AND PLAYED HOCKEY MOST OF THE TIME. AT THE AGE OF THIRTEEN HE HOPPED FREIGHTS AND HOBOED HIS WAY TO ST. LOUIS. BUT HE NEVER PANHANDLED. HE EARNED HIS MEALS AT ODD JOBS.



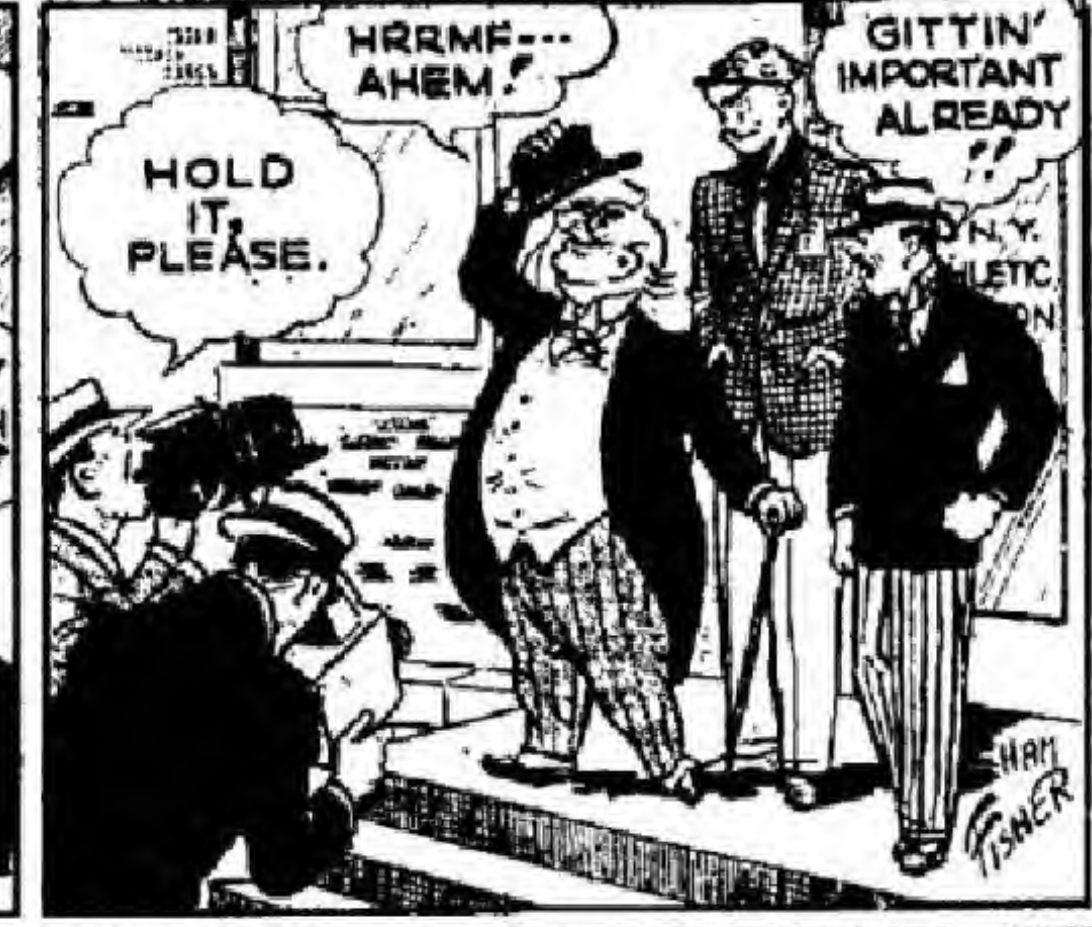
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JOE FIGHTS IN BOSTON TONIGHT. HAVING STARTED ANN HOWE'S FATHER BACK ON THE ROAD TO FINANCIAL RECOVERY OUR FRIEND IS ABOUT TO GET BACK A LITTLE MONEY FOR HIMSELF BY BARNSTORMING.



Oct. 5th --- Knobby Walsh is to appear before the Boxing Commission today for the purpose of disposing of Champion Joe Palooka's Contract. The news is a great surprise to the Sport World. Who is to bethe new manager is now a matter of great interest. Walsh has been indefinitely suspended from boxing.



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KNOWING JIM
WELL, IT'S HARD
TO BELIEVE
THE QUIET,
GENTLEMANLY
BRADDOCK OF
TODAY WAS
ALWAYS READY
FOR A STREET
FIGHT AS A
KID. LET ME
ASSURE YOU,
THERE'S NOT A
VICIOUS BONE
IN HIM.

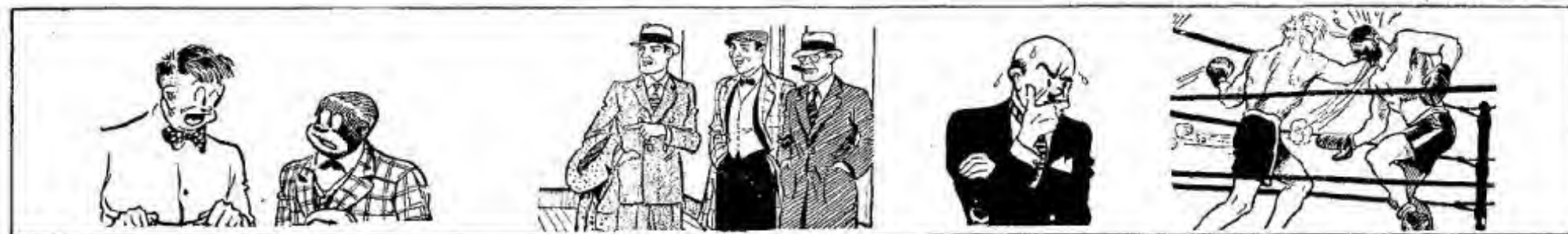
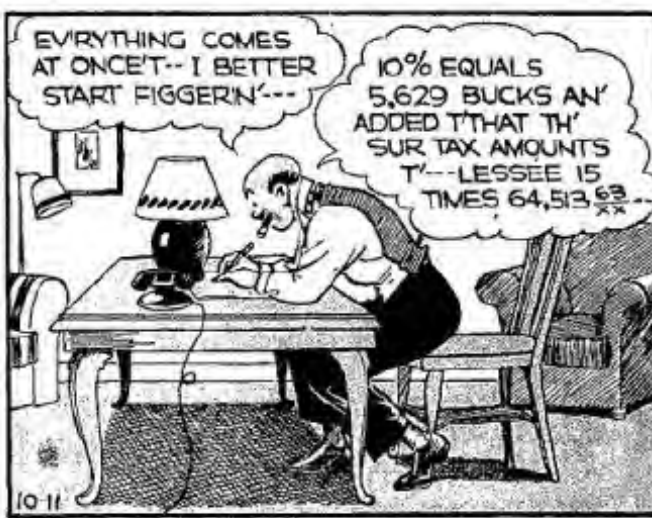


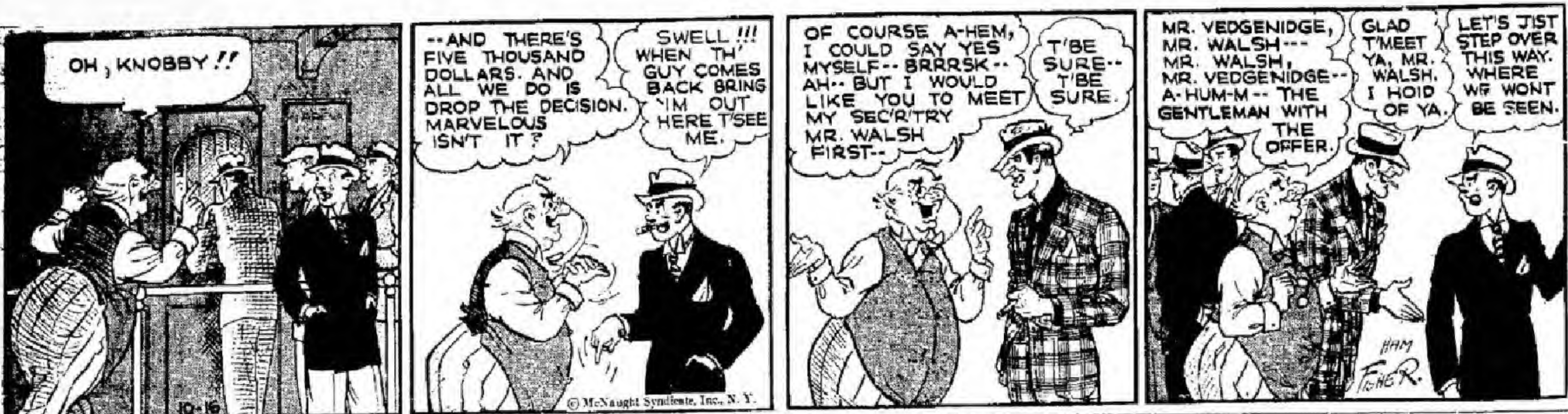
BARNEY
DOYLE RAN
AMATEUR
BOUNTS
IN HIS
CELLAR.
HERE J. J.
GOT HIS
FIRST
INSTRUCTION
IN THE
MANLY
ART.



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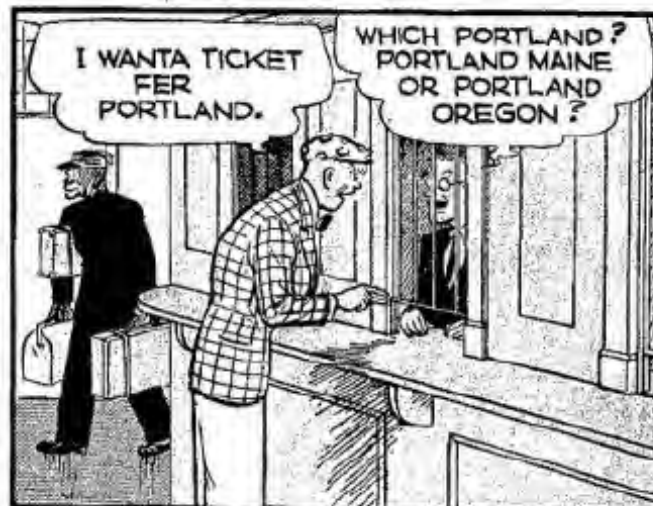
IN 1924 BRADDOCK'S BROTHER JOE WAS TO FIGHT IN A PRELIM AT GRANTWOOD N. J. JIMMY WAS THERE AND WHEN ONE OF THE FIGHTERS FAILED TO SHOW UP JIM VOLUNTEERED TO GO ON. IT WAS HIS FIRST PRO FIGHT.



HE FOUGHT UNDER THE NAME OF JIMMY RYAN, AND AFTER BEING ON THE FLOOR SEVERAL TIMES, BOTH BOYS SLASHED IT OUT TO THE LIMIT. JIMMY RECEIVED 3 BUCKS FOR HIS END.

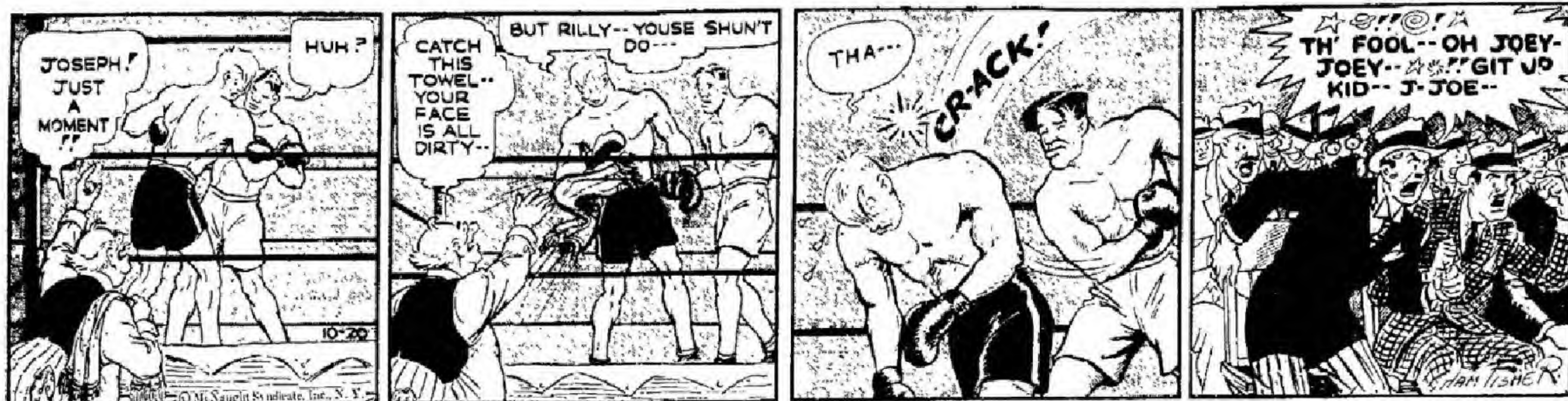
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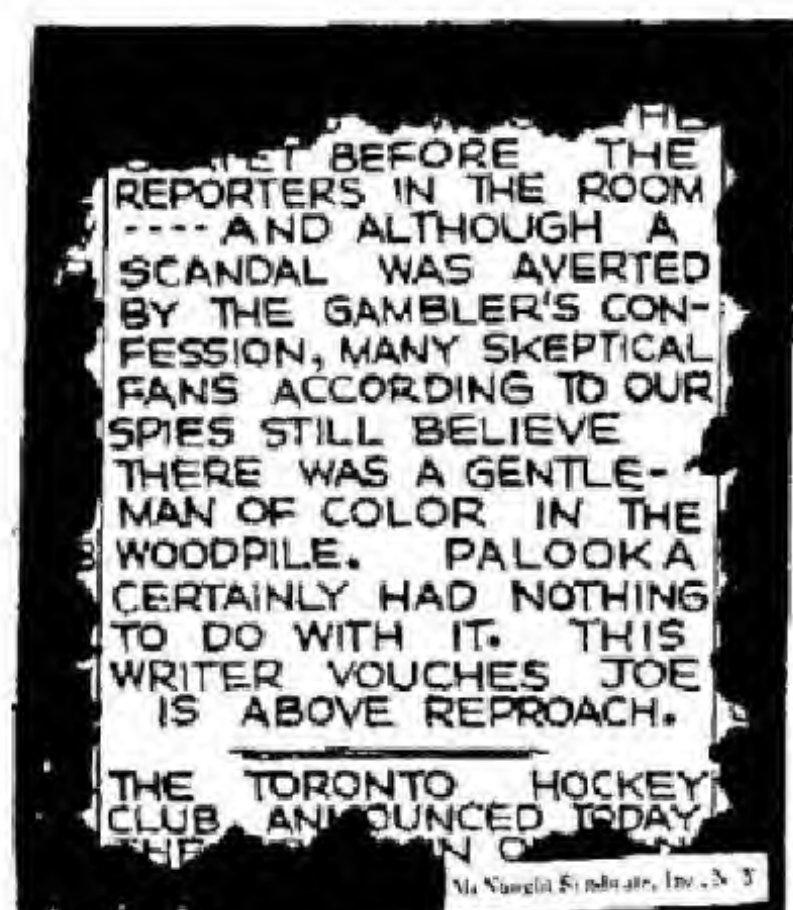






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WORK GOT VERY SLOW FOR JIMMY. HE HUNG AROUND THE GYM HOPING FOR A BREAK. BUT NONE CAME. MANY A MEAL PASSED HIM BY. JOE GOULD, A YOUNG MANAGER, AND HIS FIGHTER HARRY GOLFUND, WERE BROKE ALSO.

I WOULDN'T SELL YOU GOLFUND'S CONTRACT BUT I'M BROKE.

IF HE LOOKS GOOD I'LL GIVE YOU \$3,600 FOR HIM.

GOULD SAW BRADDOCK PUNCHING THE BAG. HE OFFERED HIM \$5.00 TO STEP AROUND WITH HIS STAR. BRADDOCK JUMPED AT THE CHANCE OF MAKING A FIVER.

HIT HIM, HARRY.

BRADDOCK MADE GOLFUND LOOK BAD. GOULD SOLD THE CONTRACT BUT ONLY RECEIVED \$1200.00. THE PALOOKA HAD OUTSHONE HIS STAR.

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JOE WENT TO PORTLAND OREGON FOR AN EXHIBITION BOUT, INSTEAD OF PORTLAND MAINE. KNOBBY HAS POLICE ALL OVER THE LAND ON THE LOOK OUT. JOE HAS BEEN ON THE TRAIN THREE DAYS.

OH BOY--AM I TIRED? AN' I CERT'NY AM HUNGRY FER A STEAK. WISH I HAD A DOLLAR.

EVEN IF I HAD MONEY I SPOSE KNOBBY WUNT WANT ME T'EAT BEFORE THE FIGHT. ONLY I MIGHT OF YESTERDAY OR THE DAY BEFORE--

COULD YOUSE KINDLY TELL ME WHERE THE FIGHT CLUB IS AT, IF YOUSE PLEASE?

HULLO--WHERE'S KNOBBY? AM I LATE? I CERT'NY HAD A LONG RIDE.

TCH--TCH--HE MUSTA MISSED THE TRAIN-- HE TOLE ME T'COME-- WELL I'M READY T'FIGHT. THAS WHAT HE TOLE ME I WAS T'COME FER.

QUICK--TELL THE ANNOUNCER JOE PALOOKA IS SUBSTITUTING FOR "SOCKER" BLINTZ! HURRY!!

LISSEN T'HEM FANS CHEERIN' YOU PALOOKA. THEY'RE GOIN' NUTS. BOY OH BOY!!

BE CAREFUL OF HIM. HE'S THE BEST MAN OUT HERE. HIS RIGHT IS LIKE A SLEDGE HAMMER.

NO WORD AT ALL?

THEY AINT HEARD A WORD ANN.

GO TO IT JOE--

I'LL KEEP TH' RADIO PLAYIN'. IT'LL BE SOMETHIN' T'KEEP US FROM GOIN' NERTS.







GOULD WAS SO IMPRESSED WHEN HE SAW BRADDOCK SMOTHER HIS TOP NOTCH BATTLER THAT HE ASKED HIM TO STICK AROUND.

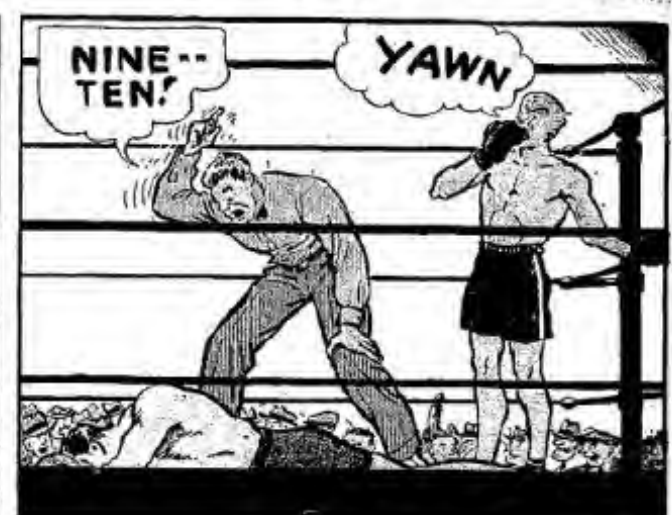
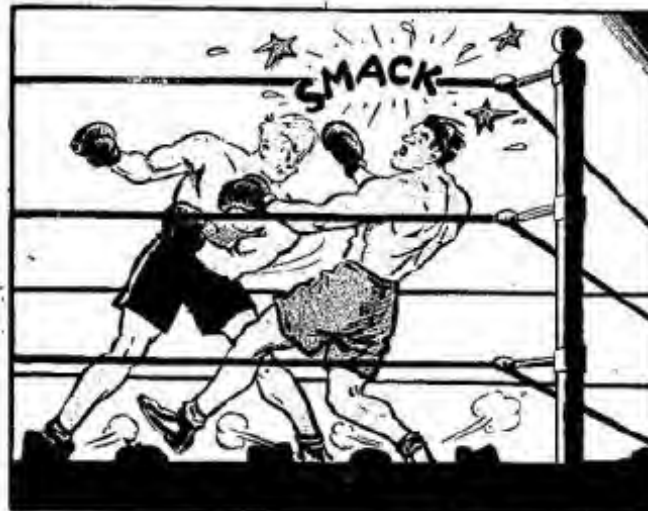


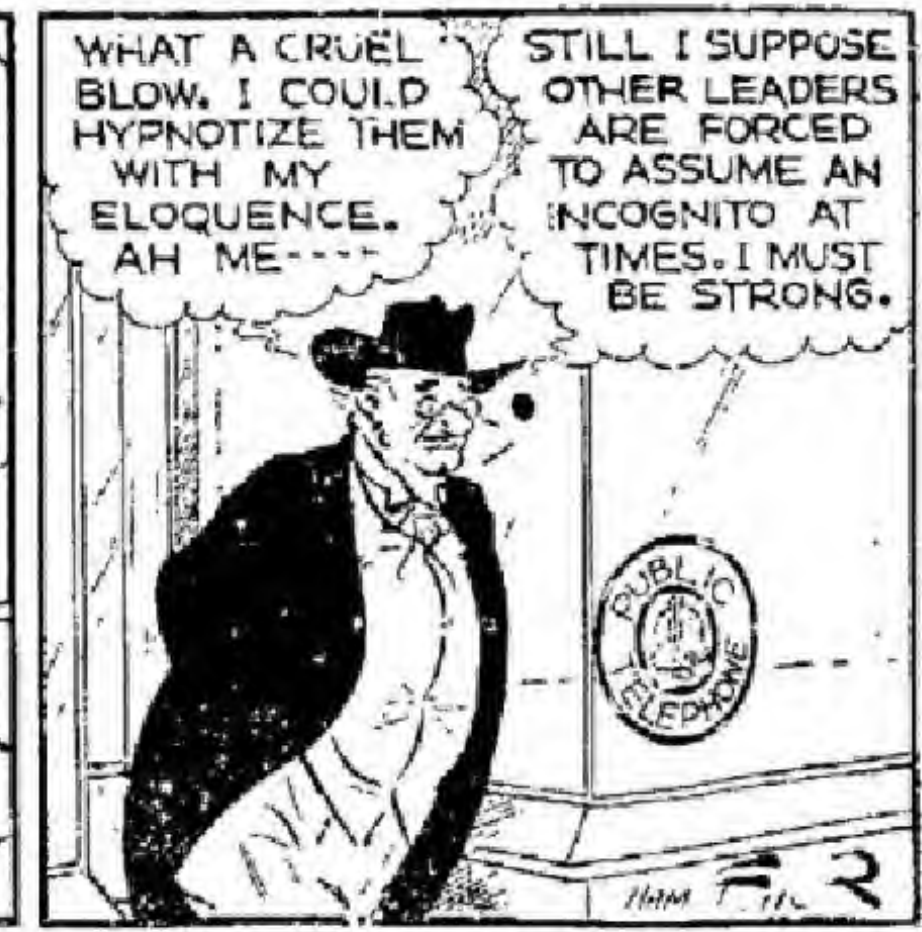
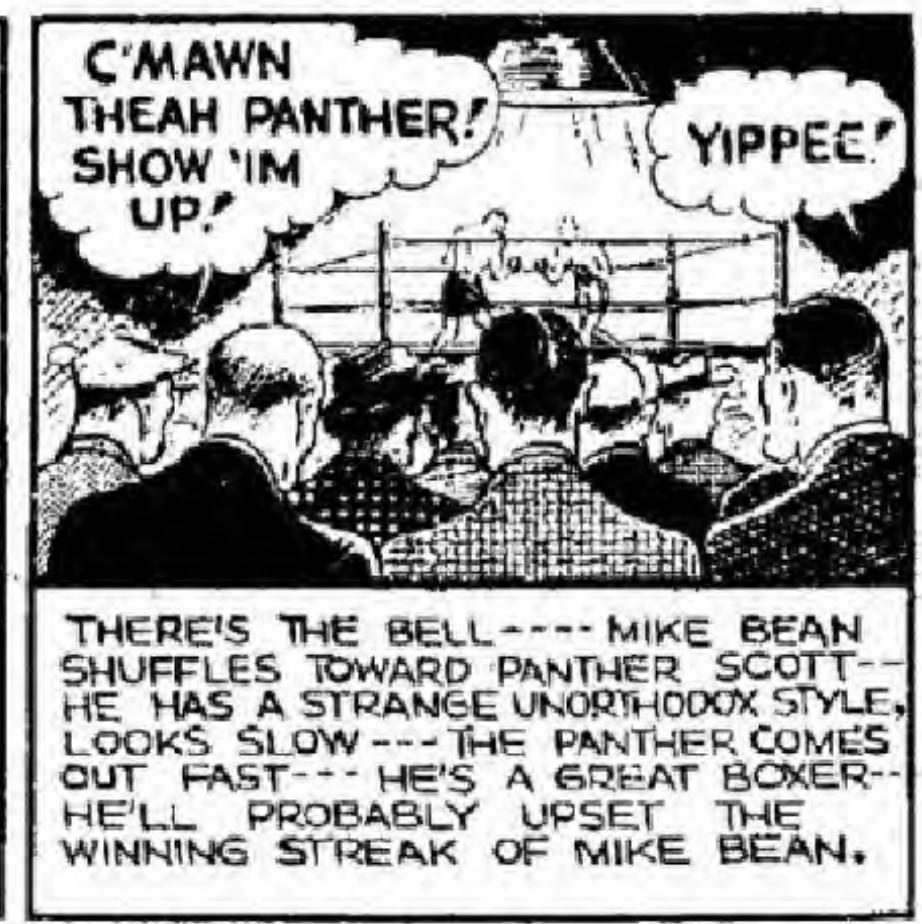
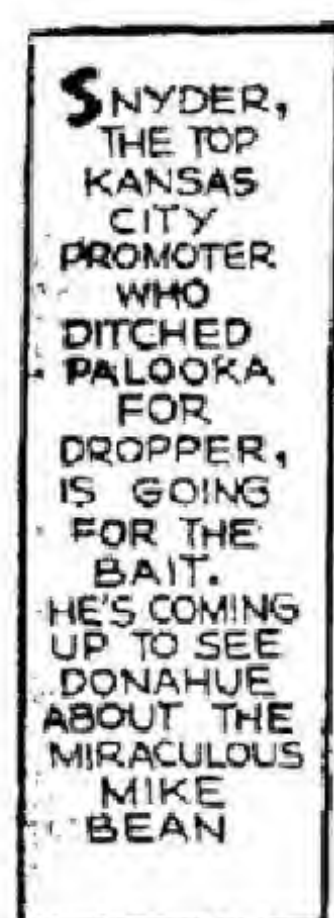
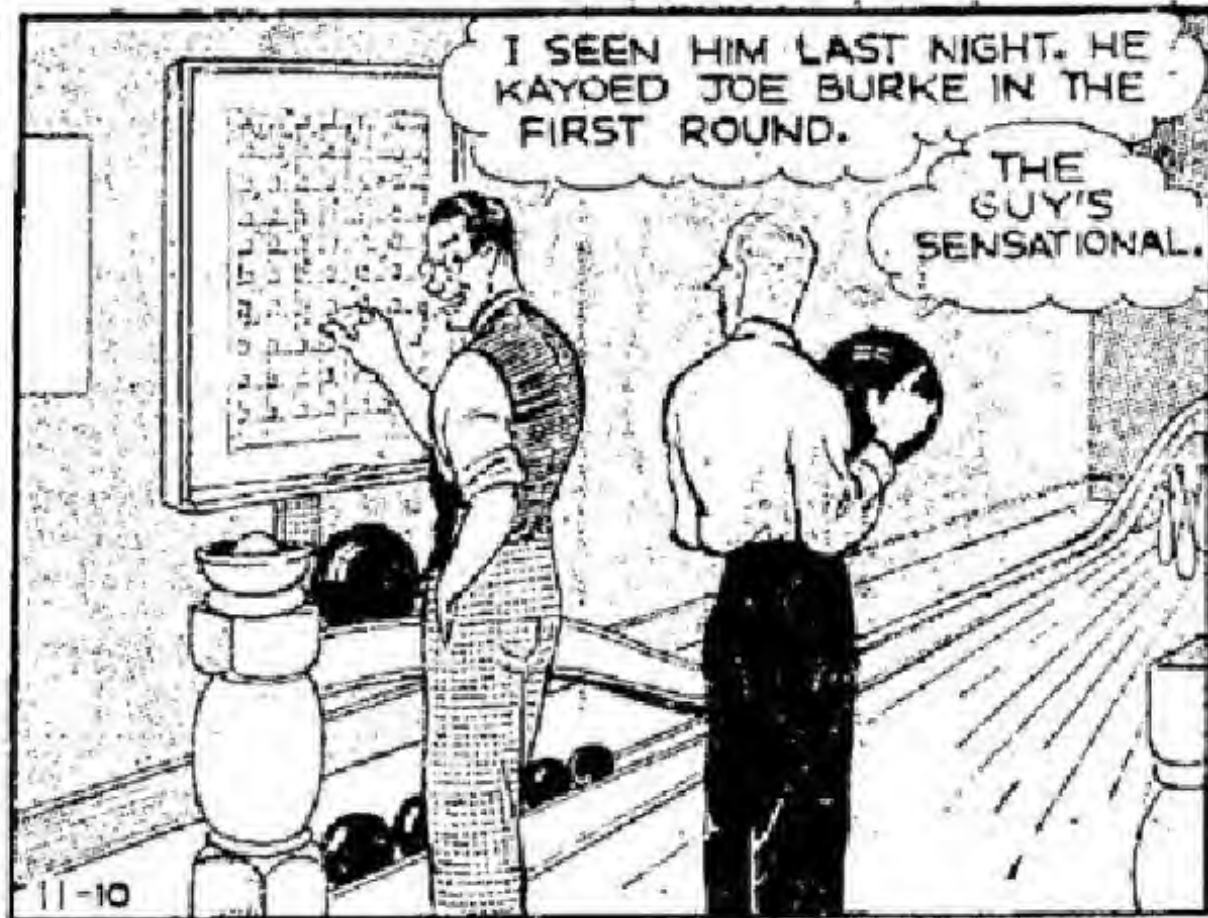
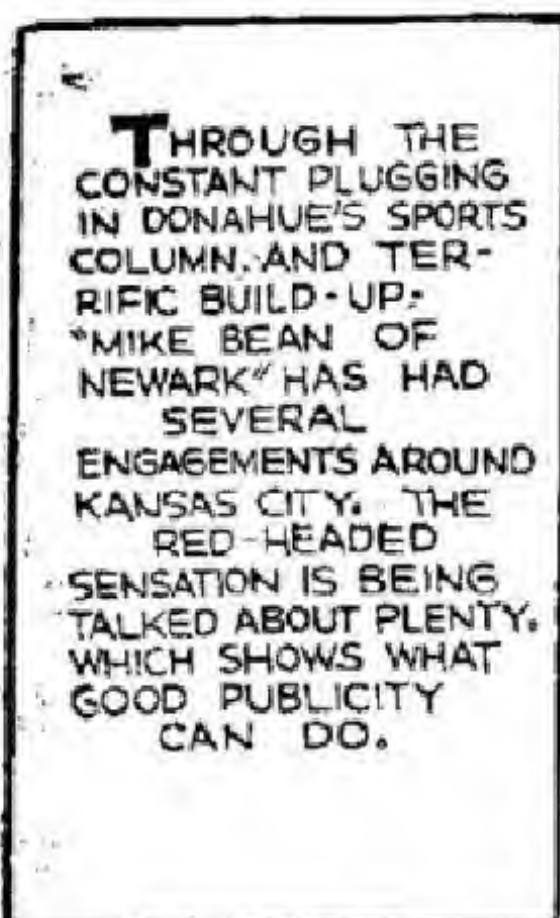
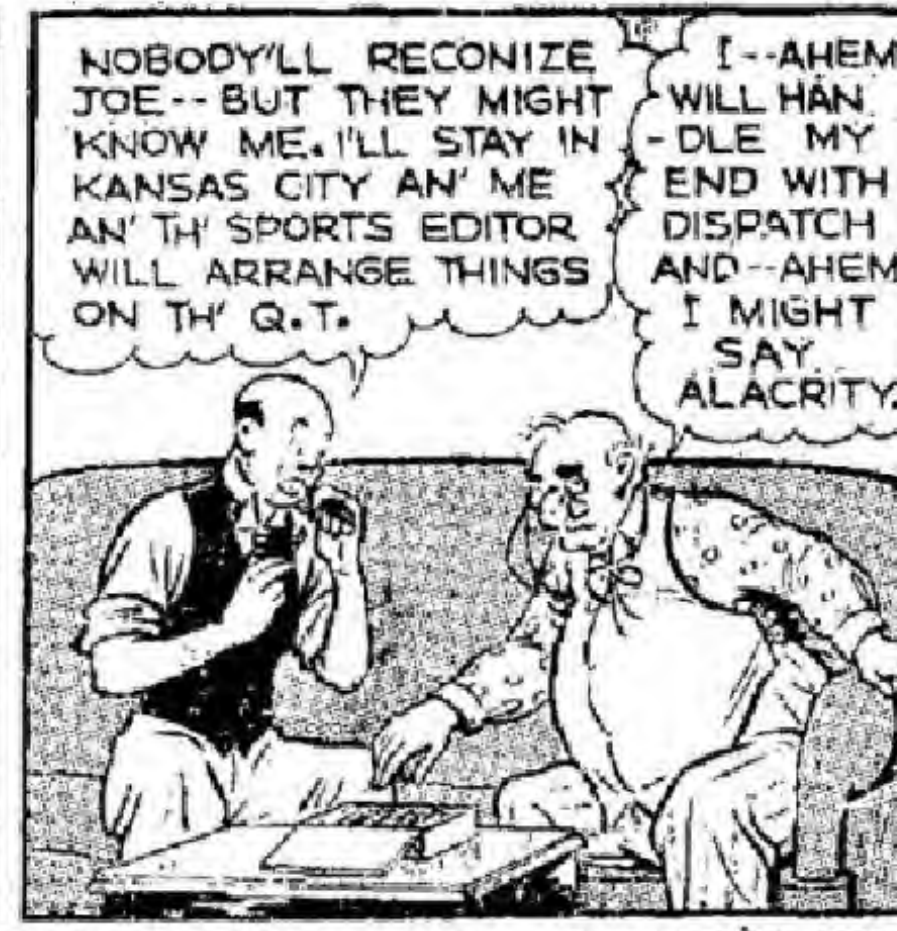
FEELING THAT GOULD COULD DO MORE FOR JIMMY THAN HE HIMSELF COULD, JOE TURNED OUR HERO OVER TO GOULD. IT WAS A WISE MOVE. *NOTE-- IN TEN YEARS OF ASSOCIATION THERE NEVER WAS A CONTRACT BETWEEN BRADDOCK AND HIS NEW MANAGER.



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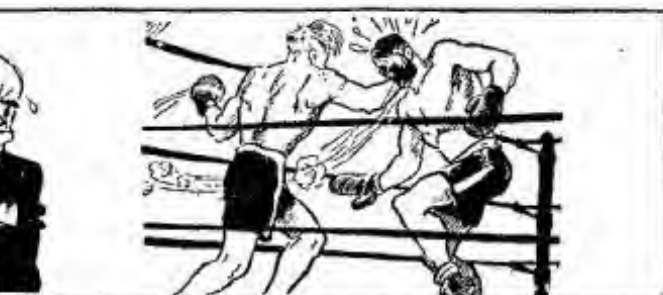
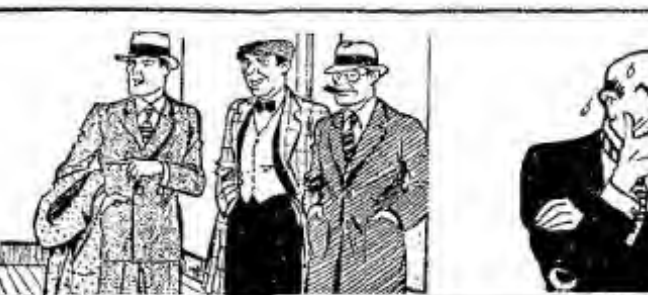
UNDER GOULD'S
MANAGEMENT
BRADDOCK CAME
AHEAD LIKE A
WHIRLWIND. HIS
RIGHT HAND
CARRIED
DYNAMITE. HE
KAYOED GOOD
BOYS RIGHT AND
LEFT. THE
DOUGH WAS
FLOWING
IN.



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BRADDOCK
KAYOED A
TOUGH LAD
NAMED LA
ROCCO IN
HIS FIRST
START AT
THE
GARDEN.
THE
PROMOTER
WAS WELL
PLEASED.



GOULD --- THAT KID'S
SWELL, AND HE
BRINGS THE FANS
OVER FROM
JERSEY. WE'LL USE
HIM PLENTY.

YOU'RE TELLIN'
LITTLE YUSSEL

JIM WORKED
CONSTANTLY
AT THE
GARDEN AND
BECAME A
FAVORITE. HE
DREW WITH
JOE MONTE
AND BROKE
HIS HAND,
AS WELL
AS
RECEIVING
A TIN
EAR.



AIN'T THAT
THE
NUTS?

WISH'T I
HAD A
EAR
LIKE
THAT.

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I'M IN A HECK
OF A MESS. THIS WISE
GUY IN NASHVILLE
IS BARRIN' ME
FROM TH' CLUB.

TCH--TCH--WHY I
THOT THE BOXIN'
COMMISSIONERS
SAID YOUSE
WUN'T BE BARRED
EXCEPTIN' FROM
THE RING AN'
DRESSIN'
ROOM.



YEAH--- ONLY THIS
BIRD'S GOT IT IN
FER ME. I PULLED
A FAST ONE ON 'IM
ONCE AN' HE
AIN'T FERGOT.

BUT, HE CAN'T
KEEP YOUSE OUTA
THE RIZZERVED
SEATS KIN
HE?



YEAH--HE'S GOT
THAT PRIVILEGE.
ON ACCOUNT OF ME
BEIN' UNDER
SUSPENSION.

OH WELL, I'LL JIST
FOLLA INSTRUCTHINS
WHICH YOUSE
GIMME
NOW.



I GOTTA BE THERE!
YER FIGHTIN' ONE A TH'
TRICKIEST AN' TOUGHEST
HOMBRES
GOIN'.

WOT'LL YOUSE
DO?



AHEM--- I
OVERHEARD YOUR
CONVERSATION ---
AND ---
BRR-SK--

YOU
WOULD
??

MAYBE MR.
WEIDE-
BOTTOM'S
GOT
A IDEA.



BRRFSK---
NOTWITHSTANDING
YOUR BOORISHNESS
AH---UMM-- I SUGGEST
YOU GO IN WOMEN'S
CLOTHES---

YER
CRAZY
??

SOUNDS
RIZZONABIL
T'ME.



VERY WELL---
EXCEPT THAT
IF YOU GO AS
KNOBBY WALSH
THEY'LL BE WAITING
TO EJECT YOU AT
THE DOOR.

SUFFRIN' CATS!
I GUESS YER RIGHT.
HE'LL BE
WATCHIN'
FER ME!



---AN' ONE A
THEM THINGS. SEND
'EM ALL CARE OF
JOE PALOOKA AT
TH' HOTEL.

YESSIR
???



IF EVER A GUY
FELT LIKE A FOOL
I DO-- *!!@!

BR-R-FSK---
*COFF *COFF *
BR-RFSK!



A-HEM-M-M-M-
*COFF *AREN'T
YOU GOING TO
SHAVE YOUR
MUSTACHE?

I AM
NOT.
I'M WEARIN'
A VEIL!

YOUSE BETTER
THROW THAT
CIGAR
AWAY.



LEMME OFF AT
TH' MEZZANINE.

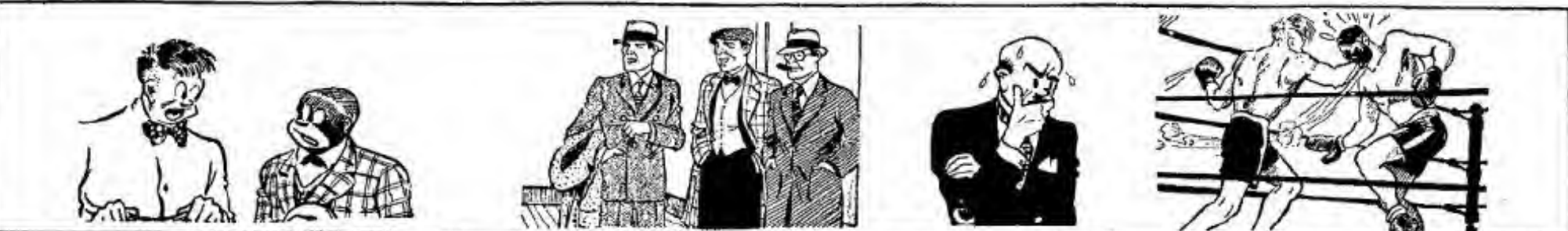
YES
SIR.



I-I BEG YOUR
PARDON MAM---

I GOT A HORSE
THROAT---THIS WEATHER'S
AWFUL!

WE WOULDN'T MISS NEXT WEEK IF WE
WERE YOU. HAM FISHER





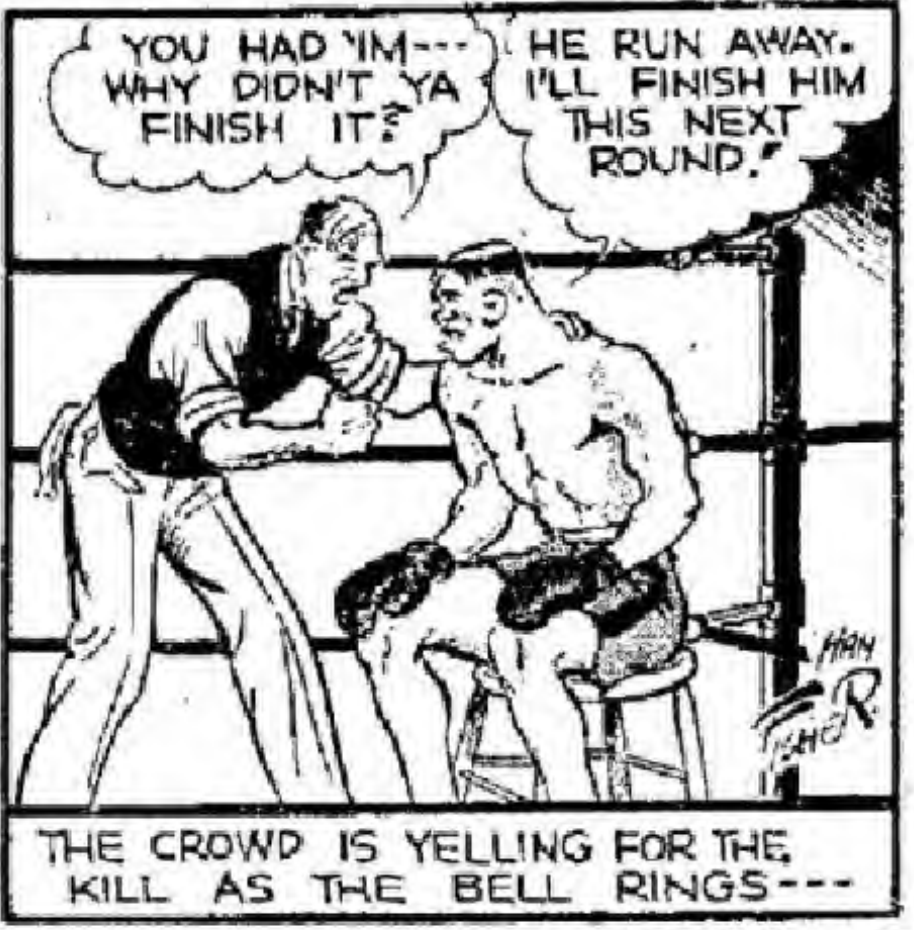
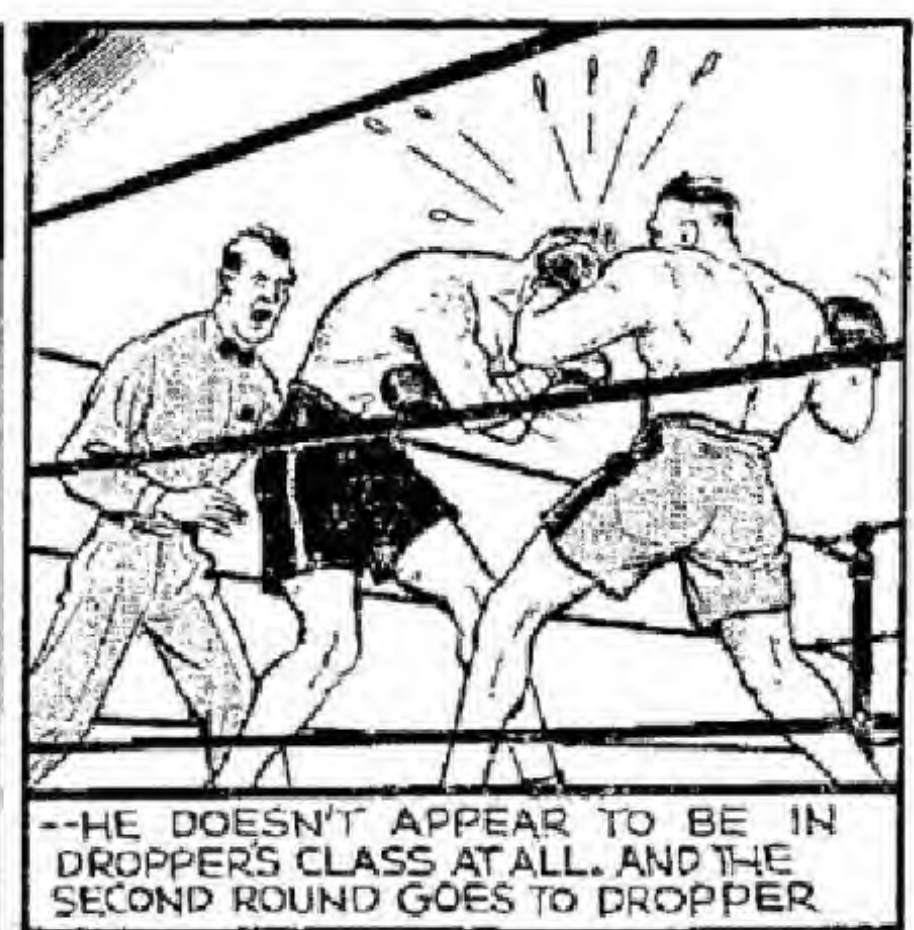
DUKE DROPPER AND HIS MANAGER ARRIVE AT UNION STATION, KANSAS CITY, AND ARE MET BY PROMOTER SNYDER.

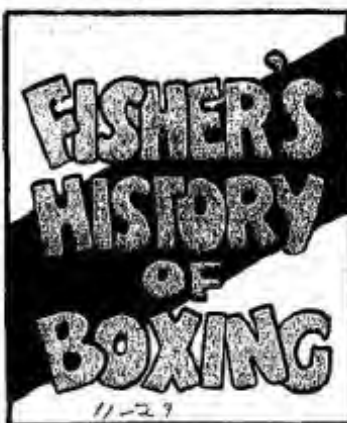


EVERY FIGHT FAN IN K. C. HAS TRIED TO GET IN TO SEE THE BOUT BETWEEN MIKE BEAN AND DUKE DROPPER, 'THE MAN WHO KAYOED PALOOKA'.



A GREAT OVATION MEETS MIKE BEAN AS HE ENTERS THE RING, BUT AN EVEN GREATER ONE IS GIVEN FOR DUKE DROPPER.





WITH THE BETTING ODDS OF 4 TO 1 AGAINST HIM, BRADDOCK BEAT PETE LATZO TO PIECES. THE HARDY COAL MINER RECEIVED SUCH A SHELLACKING THAT HE WAS OUT OF BOXING FOR A LONG TIME.

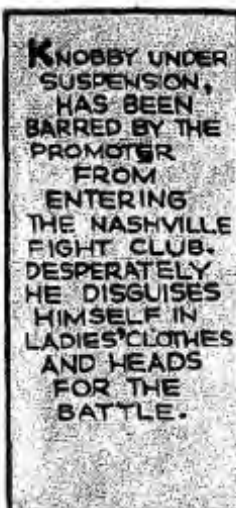


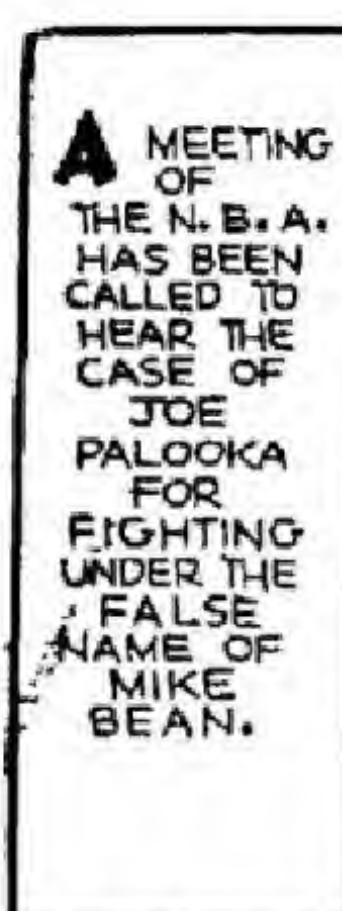
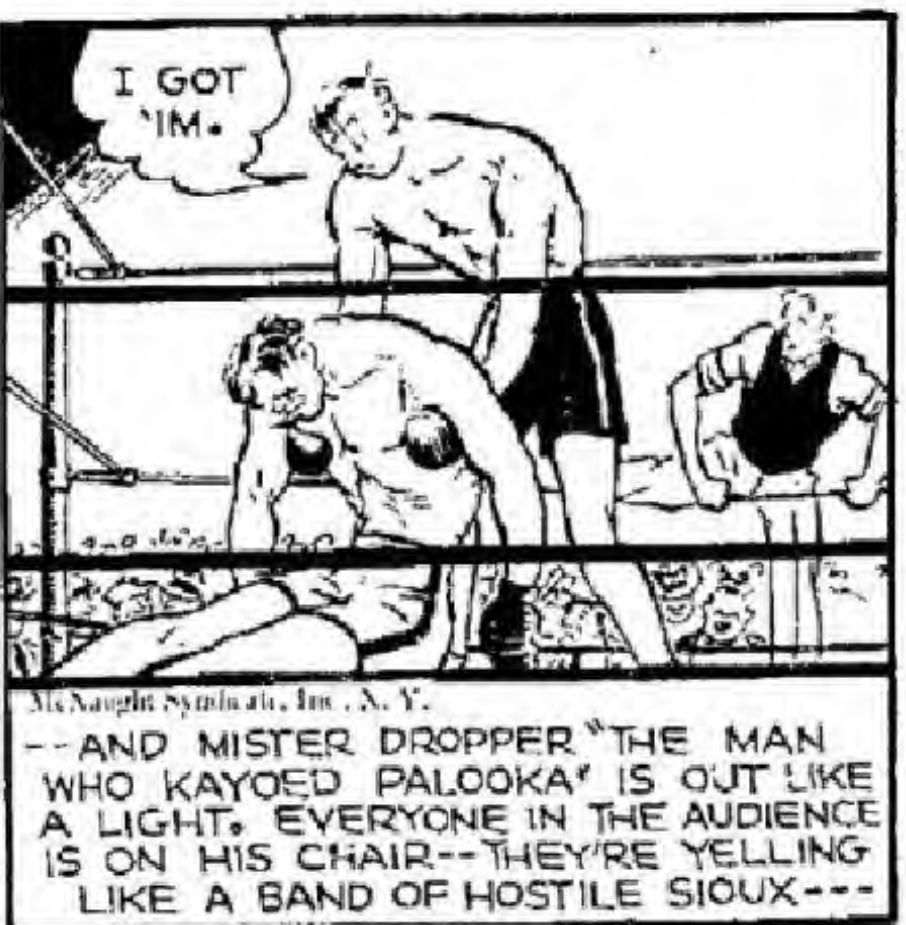
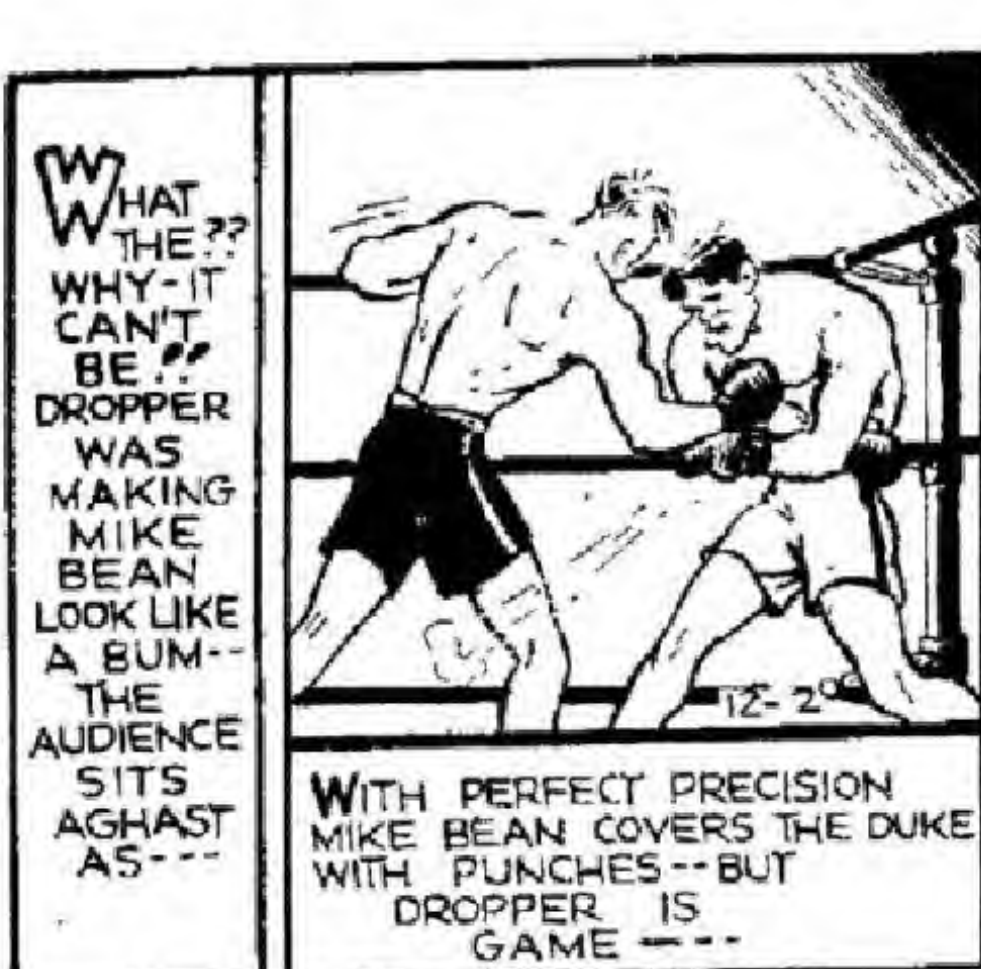
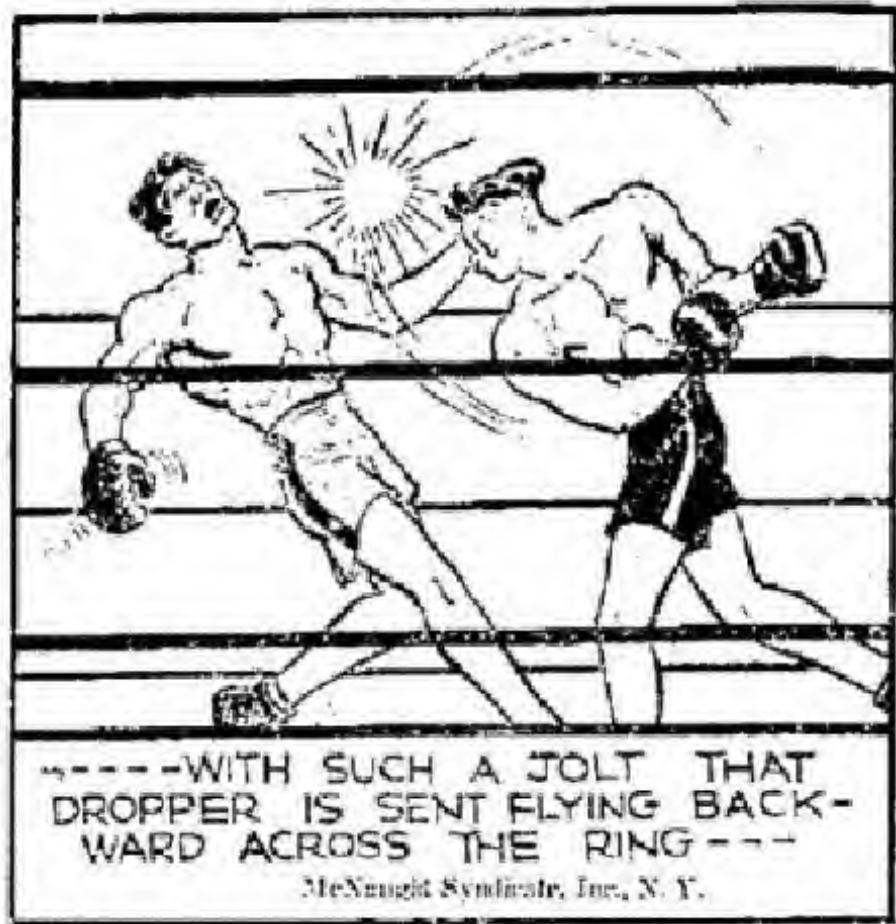
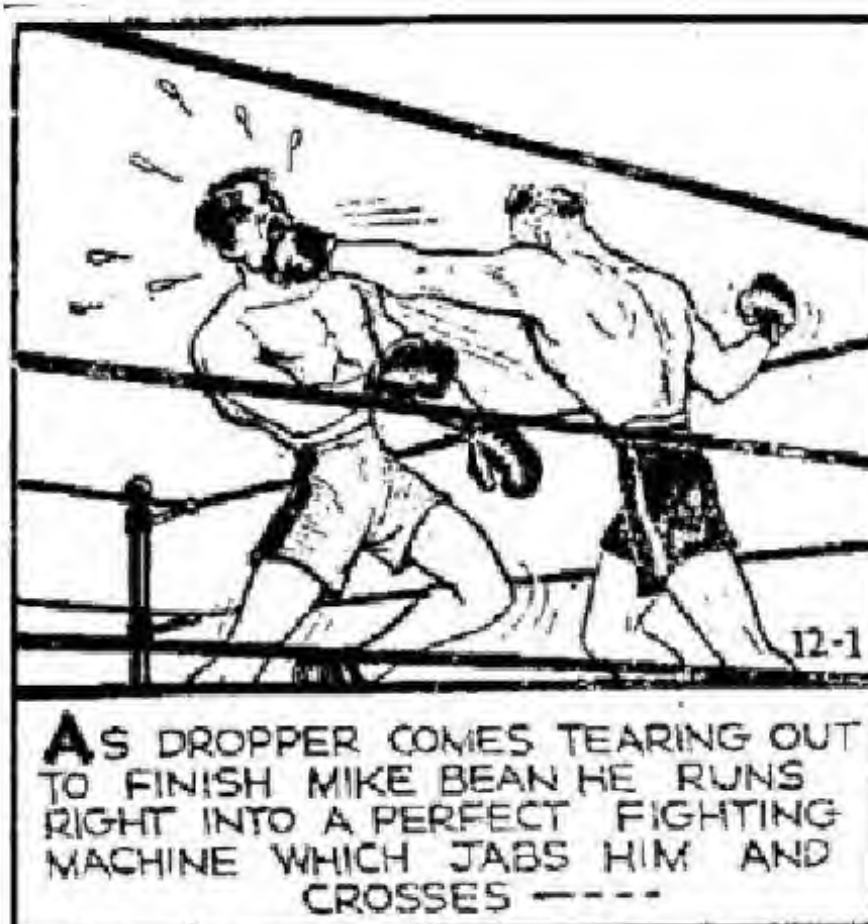
I CAN'T HIT HIM ANY MORE. ASK THE REF TO STOP IT.
LATZO WOULDN'T STAND FOR IT. HE WANTS TO KEEP ON.
A WEEK BEFORE HE WAS TO FIGHT THE SENSATIONAL TUFFY GRIFFITHS BRADDOCK SPRAINED HIS ANKLE. DOC ROBB THE TRAINER DID EVERYTHING TO ASSUAGE THE PAIN. IT WAS A CINC THAT THE GREAT GRIFFITHS WOULD "COP THE DUKE". ODDS WERE 7 TO 1 ON GRIFFITHS.



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WITH HIS
SPRAINED ANKLE
AND ODDS OF 7
TO 1 AGAINST HIM
BRADDOCK FACED
THE
SENSATIONAL
TUFFY GRIFFITHS.
GRIFFITHS
TORE OUT OF
HIS CORNER AND
RUSHED JIM.
HERE WAS
A SET-UP.



THEN BRADDOCK TOOK
THE LEAD RIGHT AWAY
FROM THE WESTERNER.
JIM HAMMERED WITH
LEFTS AND RIGHTS---
AND WHAM! A
RIGHT TO THE JAW---
AND GRIFFITHS HIT
THE CANVAS. FIVE
TIMES THE "TOUGH
ONE" HIT THE FLOOR
AND THE REFEREE
STOPPED IT. THE
SURE THING BOYS
WERE WRONG AGAIN
AND GOULD AND BRAD-
DOCK WERE IN THE DOUGH.

EVERY ONE OF THE
SCRIBES HAD IT GRIFFITHS
TO WIN EASY. DID I
GO FOR A SOCKFUL---
WHEW!

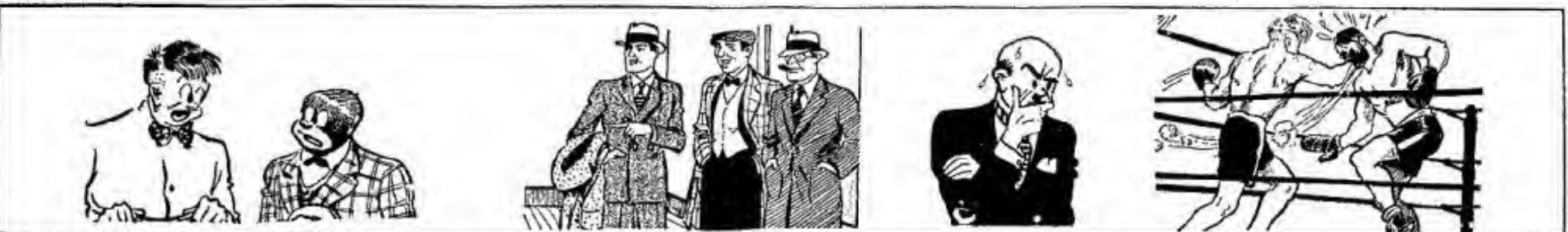
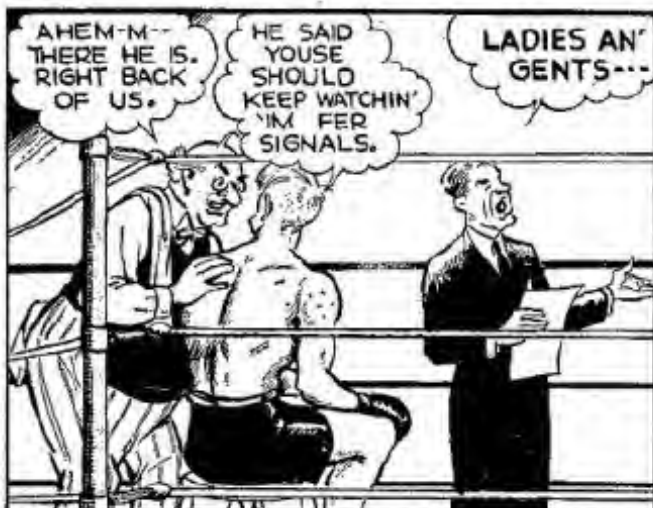
THAT'S WHY
I PUT
MINE ON
THE OTHER
GUY.

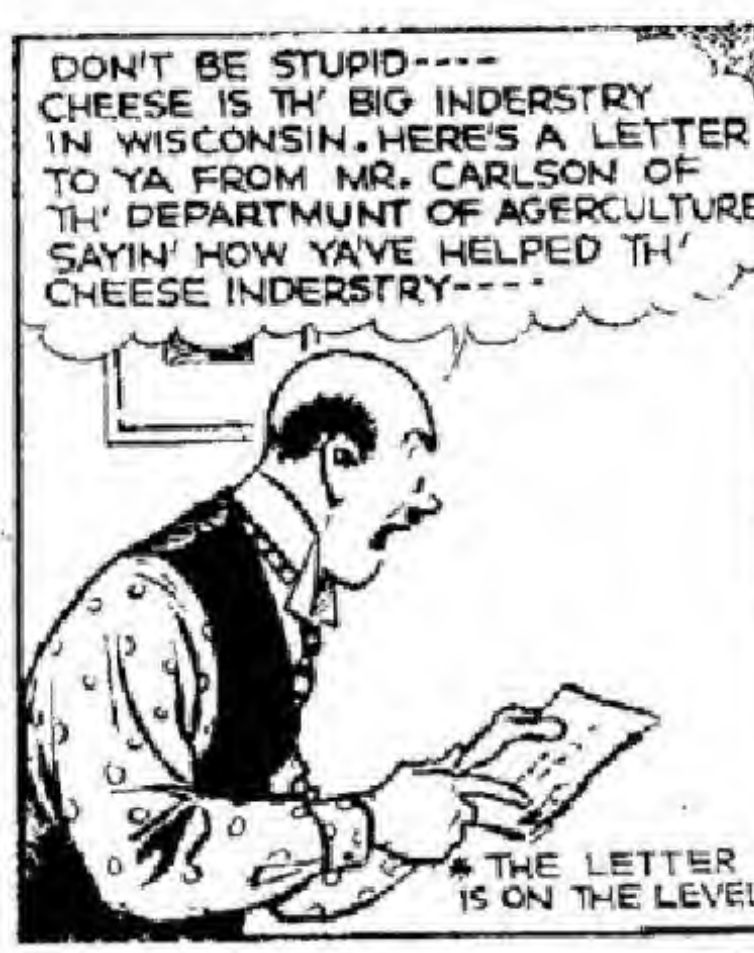


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THE UP AND COMING BRADDOCK MADE A GREAT HIT WITH HIS KAYO OF THE 'BUFFALO ADONIS' JIMMY SLATTERY, AND THEN CAME A MATCH WITH THAT BRILLIANT MASTER OF BOXING, TOMMY LOUGHRAN.

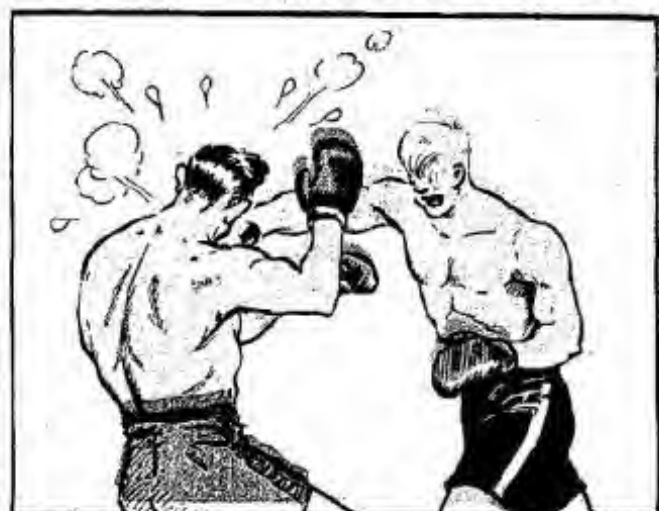


LOUGHRAN, ONE OF THE GREATEST SCIENTIFIC BOXERS, THE SPORT EVER PRODUCED HIT BRADDOCK A THOUSAND BLOWS WITH HIS LEFT. JIM SAYS HE WAS NEVER ANY HAPPIER THAN WHEN THE LAST BELL ENDED THE SCRAP. BRADDOCK'S FEELINGS WERE ASSUAGED BY A \$28,000 SPLIT.



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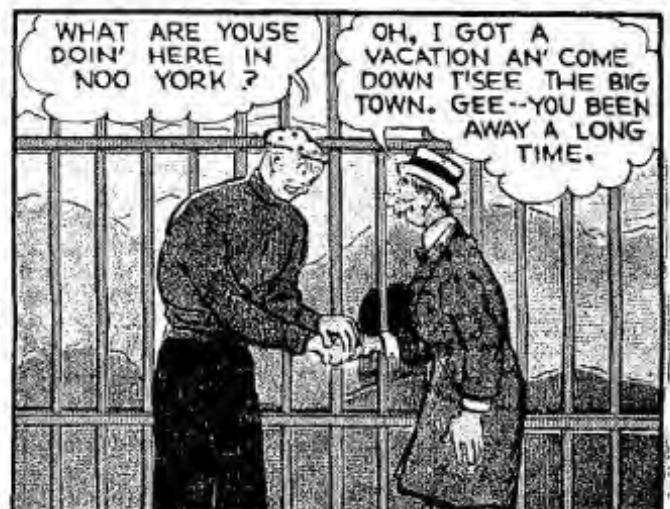
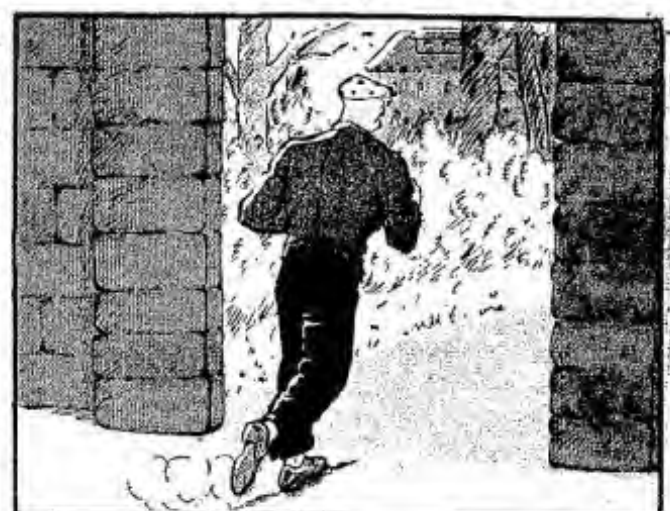
FOR THREE YEARS JIMMY CAME TO THE HOME OF MAY FOX TO SEE HIS PAL HOWARD, HER BROTHER.

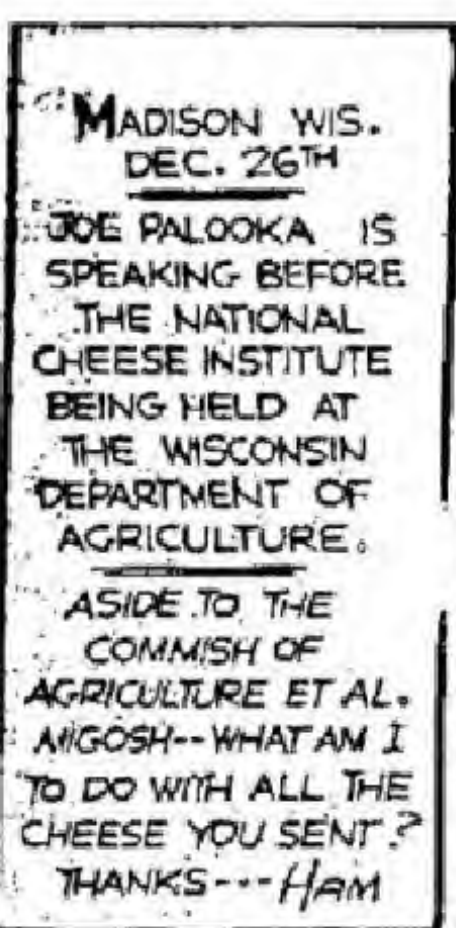
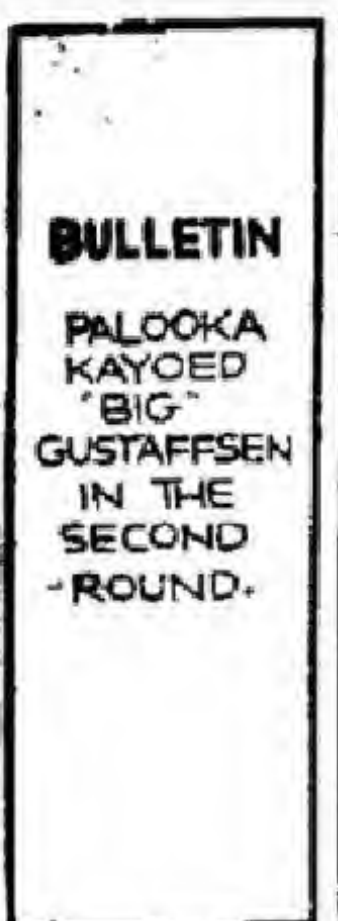
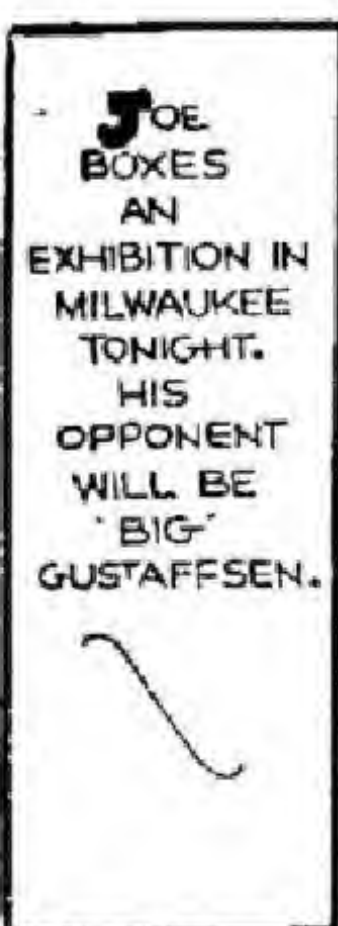


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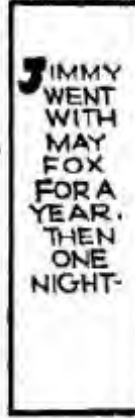
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FISHER'S HISTORY OF BOXING

LIKE JOE PALOOKA, THE SHY BRADDOCK (AFRAID OF NO MAN LIVING) HAD TAKEN THREE YEARS TO WORK UP ENOUGH NERVE TO ASK MAY FOX TO GO TO A MOVIE WITH HIM.



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